

October 22, 2024

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 22, 2024, 3:31 p.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of October 9, 2024, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification/Re-Certification Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve blaster certification and re-certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Chad Schlosser	Freedom Mine	24-10-456
James Grueneich	Freedom Mine	24-10-457
Kyle Haraseth	Freedom Mine	16-01-378-R(3)
Josh Sommerer	Freedom Mine	21-12-426-R(1)
Jason Hagemeister	Freedom Mine	21-12-428-R(1)
William Keller III	Freedom Mine	10-02-328-R(5)
Roland Sabot	Freedom Mine	16-01-382-R(3)
Robert Richardson	Freedom Mine	21-12-427-R(1)
Michael Swallers	Freedom Mine	18-11-417-R(2)
Kenton John Richau	Freedom Mine	16-01-381-R(3)
Larry Miller	Freedom Mine	18-11-415-R(2)

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-322
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement - Applied Digital
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – Applied Digital, Approval, Case No. PU-23-322.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-243
Otter Tail Power Company
Stephanie Shock - Ramsey County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Stephanie Shock – Ramsey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-243.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-24-291
Public Service Commission
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. DM-24-291.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-375
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Wind Energy Facility Lighting Waiver -
69-06-11
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission continue the light mitigation waiver for an additional three years in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Wind Energy Facility Lighting Waiver – 69-06-11, Application, Case No. PU-21-375.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-288
Global Connection Inc. of America
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Global Connection Inc. of America, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-24-288.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-24-353
Public Service Commission
2025 Buechler Velva Phase 3
AML Project
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission initiate Case No. AM-24-353 for the 2025 Buechler Velva Phase 3 AML Project for reclamation of abandoned mine lands in Public Service Commission, 2025 Buechler Velva Phase 3 AML, Project, Case No. AM-24-353.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-24-354
Public Service Commission
2025 Exploratory Drilling AML Project
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission initiate Case No. AM-24-354 for the 2025 Exploratory Drilling Project for reclamation of abandoned mine lands in Public Service Commission, 2025 Exploratory Drilling AML, Project, Case No. AM-24-354.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-99
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Alternative Energy Allocation
Methodology
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Alternative Energy Allocation Methodology, Application, Case No. PU-24-99.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-332
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement – APLD
Amendment
Approval

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement - APLD Amendment, Approval, Case No. PU-24-332.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-336
Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2025)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2025), Rates, Case No. PU-24-336.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-341
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
(2025)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2025), Rates, Case No. PU-24-341.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-349
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2025)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2025), Rates, Case No. PU-24-349.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 3:53 P.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR