

February 8, 2023

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m. and recessed at 10:01 a.m. to attend to a legislative matter. The Public Service Commission reconvened at 10:34 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of January 25 and February 1, 2023, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-367
Otter Tail Power Company
Economic Development
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,540.09 in Otter Tail Power Company, Economic Development, Rates, Case No. PU-22-367.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-422
Otter Tail Power Company
Layne Schmit, Farm Shop, Dickey
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Layne Schmit, Farm Shop, Dickey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-22-422.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-423
Otter Tail Power Company
Layne Schmit, Tile Pump, Dickey
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Layne Schmit, Tile Pump, Dickey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-22-423.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-424
Otter Tail Power Company
A R Punton, Cass County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, A R Punton, Cass County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-22-424.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-17
Otter Tail Power Company
Peterson Ag Solutions, Stutsman
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Peterson Ag Solutions, Stutsman County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-17.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-72
Andeavor Field Services LLC
8" & 6" NGL Pipelines - McKenzie,
Billings, Stark
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$55,446.71 in Andeavor Field Services LLC, 8" & 6" NGL Pipelines – McKenzie, Billings, Stark, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-72.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-362
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
North Dakota Soybean Processors,
Inc., Cass County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,882.91 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., North Dakota Soybean Processors, Inc., Cass County, Public Convenience & Necessity.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-408
Northwest Communications / Midstate
Telephone Co.
Portal Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northwest Communications / Midstate Telephone Company, Portal Exchange, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-22-408, and Northwest Communications / Midstate Telephone Company, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-22-409.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-409
Northwest Communications / Midstate
Telephone Co.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-22-180
Northern States Power Company
Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
Tariff and Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-22-180.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Christmann votes "Nay".

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart votes "Aye".

Ms. Fedorchak votes "Aye".

Case No. PU-22-366
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Applied Block Chain Office - Dickey
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Applied Block Chain Office – Dickey County, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-22-366 and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Applied Block Chain Data Processing Extension, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-22-370.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-370
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Applied Block Chain Data Processing
Extension
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-22-194
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
2022 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Public Input Sessions in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2022 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-22-194.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-368
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
(2023)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2023), Rates, Case No. PU-22-368.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-400
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Generation Resource Cost Recovery
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-22-400.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-22-406
Public Service Commission
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Notice of Probable Violation in Public Service Commission, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-22-406.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-429
Otter Tail Power Company
2023 Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: Believing there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, I move the Commission consolidate these cases for hearing under North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-04-04, suspend the rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, 2023 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor, Rates, Case No. PU-22-429 and Otter Tail Power Company, 2023 Fuel Clause Adjustment – EAR, Tariff, Case No. PU-23-27.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-27
Otter Tail Power Company
2023 Fuel Clause Adjustment - EAR
Tariff

Case No. PU-21-121
Bowman Wind, LLC
208.7 MW Bowman Wind Project -
Bowman County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Bowman Wind, LLC, 208.7 MW Bowman Wind Project - Bowman County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-21-121.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-15
ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Amend Certificate #203 and Route
Permit #213
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission assess an application fee of \$60,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., Amend Certificate #203 and Route Permit #213, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-15.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-380
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Pioneer Generation Station Ph IV -
Williams County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Pioneer Generating Station Phase IV - Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-22-380.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Signing Authority
Delegation

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission delegate grant application signing authority for Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation to the Director of Reclamation.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:12 P.M.



Executive Secretary



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR