

August 16, 2023

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m. and recessed until 10:30 a.m. due to scheduling conflicts. The Public Service Commission reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of August 2 and August 4, 2023, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Re-Certification
Approval

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

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Ross Aman	SBS	14-12-369-R(3)
Catherine Kolden	Center Mine	16-11-394-R(2)
Tyrell Murrey	Center Mine	16-11-395-R(2)

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division
Auctioneer and Auction Clerk Update

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new auction licenses, all of which became effective during the month of July 2023.

AUCTIONEER LICENSE

Auctioneer Name	Location	Effective Date
Luke Schrader	Columbia City, IN	7/4/2023
Pete D. Shawver	Geneva, IN	7/14/2023
Stephen Jacobson	Minot, ND	7/22/2023

AUCTION CLERK LICENSE

Auction Clerk Name	Location	Effective Date
Pete D. Shawver	Geneva, IN	7/14/2023

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-224
RC Technologies Corporation
2021 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on the Protection of Information in RC Technologies Corporation, 2021 High-Cost Universal Service Support, Annual Report, Case No. PU-21-224.

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 on the Protection of Information in Northwest Communications / Midstate Telephone Co., Portal Exchange, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-22-408 and Northwest Communications / Midstate Telephone Co., Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-22-409.

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

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-410
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 150 MW PPA for
MinnDakota Wind
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on the Protection of Information in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence - 150 MW PPA for MinnDakota Wind, Application, Case No. PU-22-410.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: 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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Protection of Information in Otter Tail Power Company, 2023 Renewable Resource Cost Adj. Factor, Rates, Case No. PU-22-429.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-43
Otter Tail Power Company
Small Power Production / Cogeneration
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on the Protection of Information in Otter Tail Power Company, Small Power Production / Cogeneration, Rates, Case No. PU-23-43.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-81
Otter Tail Power Company
Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on the Protection of Information in Otter Tail Power Company, Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver, Approval, Case No. PU-23-81.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-174
Otter Tail Power Company
Travis Benson, Eddy County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Travis Benson, Eddy County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-174.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-265
Otter Tail Power Company
Greg Rue, Eddy County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Greg Rue, Eddy County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-265.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-278
Boomerang Wireless, LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier - Partial
Relinquish
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Comment in Boomerang Wireless, LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier – Partial Relinquish, Application, Case No. PU-23-278.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-272
Montana-Dakota Utilities / Dakota
Valley Electric
Ellendale, North Dakota
Service Area Agreement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities / Dakota Valley Electric, Ellendale, North Dakota, Service Area Agreement, Case No. PU-23-272.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-176
Otter Tail Power Company
Amend - Luverne Wind Upgrade
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Amend - Luverne Wind Upgrade, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-176.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. I-23-272
Public Service Commission
Rainbow Energy Center, LLC Financial
Assurance
Information

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Protection of Information in Public Service Commission, Rainbow Energy Center, LLC Financial Assurance, Information, Case No. I-23-272.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:11 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR