

August 2, 2023

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 2, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of July 12, 2023, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-371
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement - Applied
Blockchain
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the compliance tariff filed on July 17, 2023, in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – Applied Blockchain, Approval, Case No. PU-22-371.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-173
Otter Tail Power Company
Billing Statement Redesign
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Otter Tail Power Company, Billing Statement Redesign, Application, Case No. PU-22-173.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-260
Otter Tail Power Company
Chris Paulson, Ramsey County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Chris Paulson, Ramsey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-260.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-848
North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC
24-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline - Sandpiper
Project
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$46,203.01 in North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC, 24-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Sandpiper Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-848.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-852
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Lonesome Creek Station Phase III
Project
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$4,150.18 in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Lonesome Creek Station Phase III Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-852.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-124
Rolette Power Development, LLC
Rolette Wind Energy Project - Rolette
County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee interim refund in the amount of \$59,314.88 in Rolette Power Development, LLC, Rolette Wind Energy Project – Rolette County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-124.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-482
Lindahl Wind Project, LLC
Lindahl Wind Farm Project - Williams
County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$15,000 in Lindahl Wind Project LLC, Lindahl Wind Farm Project – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-482.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-164
ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.
Amend Cert. No. 209, Permit No. 219
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission grant a 30-day extension to file the as-built information requested under Certification Relating to Order Provisions – Transmission Facility Siting No. 33 attached to the Commission's June 29, 2022, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, in ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C., Amend Cert. No. 209, Permit No. 219, Siting Application, Case No. PU-22-164.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-244
Northern Plains Electric Coop. / City of
Maddock
Maddock, North Dakota
Service Area Agreement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest and finding the cases involve similar questions of law or fact, I move the Commission consolidate these cases for hearing under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing in Northern Plains Electric Coop. / City of Maddock, Maddock, North Dakota, Service Area Agreement, Case No. PU-23-244 and Northern Plains Electric Cooperative, Maddock, North Dakota, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-262.

Case No. PU-23-262
Northern Plains Electric Cooperative
Maddock, North Dakota
Public Convenience & Necessity

I further move the Commission assess an application fee of \$10,000 in Northern Plains Electric Cooperative, Maddock, North Dakota, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-262.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-261
Northern States Power Company
2022 Power Purchase Agreement
Costs
Compliance

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, 2022 Power Purchase Agreement Costs, Compliance, Case No. PU-23-261.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-268
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
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 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-23-268.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-252
Otter Tail Power Company
Ashtabula I Wind Upgrade Project -
Barnes Cnty
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Ashtabula I Wind Upgrade Project - Barnes Cnty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-252.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-256
Otter Tail Power Company
Ashtabula III Wind Upgrade Project -
Barnes Cnty
Siting Exclusion Certification

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Ashtabula III Wind Upgrade Project - Barnes Cnty, Siting Exclusion Certification, Case No. PU-23-256.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-255
Tesoro Great Plains Gathering &
Marketing LLC
2.4-mile Renewable Diesel Pipeline -
Stark County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission assess an application fee of \$20,000 and issue a Notice of Filings and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Tesoro Great Plains Gathering & Marketing LLC, 2.4-mile Renewable Diesel Pipeline – Stark County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-255.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST


Executive Secretary

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 2:35 P.M.


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR