

March 27, 2024

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of March 5, 2024, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,953.50 in Northern Plains Electric Cooperative, Maddock, North Dakota, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-262.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-23-327
Public Service Commission
Tracy Snyder
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Tracy Snyder, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. DM-23-327.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-28
Ruso Wind Partners, LLC
Ruso Wind Project - Ward and McLean
Counties
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission amend its December 13, 2023, Motion to issue a siting application fee final refund in the corrected amount of \$72,384.88 in Ruso Wind Partners, LLC, Ruso Wind Project – Ward and McLean Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-28.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-29
Ruso Wind Partners, LLC
230 kV Transmission Line - McHenry
and Ward Cntys
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission amend its December 13, 2023, Motion to issue a siting application fee final refund in the corrected amount of \$78,879.68 in Ruso Wind Partners, LLC, 230kV Transmission Line – McHenry and Ward Cntys, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-29.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-88
TruConnect Communications, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in TruConnect Communications, Inc., Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-24-88.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-24-100
Public Service Commission
2024-2025 Sinkhole Filling and
Maintenance AML
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission initiate Case No. AM-24-100 for the 2024-2025 Sinkhole Filling and Maintenance AML Project for reclamation of abandoned mine lands in Public Service Commission, 2024-2025 Sinkhole Filling and Maintenance AML Project, Case No. AM-24-100.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: 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 adopt the Order on Electric Service Area Agreement 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. DM-23-277
Public Service Commission
TTK Enterprises, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, TTK Enterprises, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Numbers DM-23-277 and DM-23-304.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-23-304
Public Service Commission
TTK Enterprises, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, 2024 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor, Rates, Case No. PU-23-343.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-343
Otter Tail Power Company
2024 Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Case No. WM-23-354
Public Service Commission
Lund Oil, Inc.
Weights & Measures Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Lund Oil, Inc., Weights & Measures Enforcement, Case No. WM-23-354.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Christmann votes "Nay".

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart votes "Nay".

Ms. Fedorchak votes "Nay".

Case No. PU-24-91
Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota Utilities
345kV Transmission Line-Jamestown to Ellendale
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission assess an application fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 345kV Transmission Line-Jamestown to Ellendale, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-24-91.

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

Case No. PU-24-10
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Fuel Cost Adjustment 2024
Tariff Monthly Adjustments

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Fuel Cost Monthly Adjustments 2024, Tariff Monthly Adjustments, Case No. PU-24-10.

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

Case No. PU-23-313
Rugby Wind LLC
Rugby Wind Farm – Pierce County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Rugby Wind LLC, Rugby Wind Farm – Pierce County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-313.

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

Proposed Changes
Policy Memorandum No. 16
Approval and Formal Adoption

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve and formally adopt the changes proposed to Policy Memorandum No. 16 for reclamation cost estimating guidelines.

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

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:47 A.M.



Executive Secretary



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR