

January 8, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of December 30, 2024, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Coal Regulatory and AML Programs
2024 OSM Evaluation Reports

HELD OVER

Case No. PU-24-363
Northern States Power Company
Franchise Fee – City of Grand Forks –
Electric
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the tariff and rates in Northern States Power Company, Franchise Fee – City of Grand Forks – Electric, Case No. PU-24-363.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-365
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Generation Resource Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-24-365.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Reorganization
Commission Chair

Mr. Christmann: I move that Commissioner Christmann serve as Chairman of the Public Service Commission effective January 8, 2025.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Reorganization
Portfolio Allocation

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission portfolios be allocated as follows, effective January 8, 2025:

Commissioner Christmann

- Business Operations
- Coal Mining and Reclamation
- Abandoned Mine Lands
- Telecommunications
- SPP/RSC

Commissioner Haugen-Hoffart

- Wind and Solar Reclamation
- Economic Regulation - Electric
- Pipeline Safety
- Damage Prevention
- Weights and Measures
- Consumer Affairs
- Cyber Security

Reorganization Continued
Portfolio Allocation

Commissioner Kringstad

- Siting
- Railroads
- MISO/OMS
- Economic Regulation - Gas

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-386
Griggs County Telephone Co.
Leonard and Kindred Exchanges
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: 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 and 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 Griggs County Telephone Co., Leonard and Kindred Exchanges, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-386, and Griggs County Telephone Co., Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-24-387.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-387
Griggs County Telephone Co.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-24-376
Northern States Power Company
2025 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Interim Rates in Northern States Power Company, 2025 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-24-376.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-388
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Deferred Accounting – Congestion
Litigation
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Deferred Accounting – Congestion Litigation, Application, Case No. PU-24-388.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Commissioner Recusal and Portfolio
Assignment
Case No. PU-24-311
Grayson Mill Operating, LLC
Missouri River Crossing Pipeline-
Williams & McKenzie
Siting Application


At the close of the meeting, Mr. Christmann relayed his intention to complete the necessary paperwork to recuse himself from Grayson Mill Operating, LLC, Missouri River Crossing Pipeline – Williams & McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-24-311.

This case was originally assigned to Ms. Fedorchak's portfolio and due to the nature of the case, it will be reassigned to Ms. Haugen-Hoffart.

ATTEST


Executive Secretary

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:28 A.M.


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR