

January 22, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of January 8, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-344
Otter Tail Power Company
Paul Soderholm - Eddy County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Paul Soderholm – Eddy County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-344.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-384
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Glen Ullin Town Border Station
Expansion – Morton
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Glen Ullin Town Border Station Expansion – Morton, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-384.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-385
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
WBI Energy Expansion - Morton
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., WBI Energy Expansion – Morton County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-385.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-390
Otter Tail Power Company
2025 Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, 2025 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor, Rates, Case No. PU-24-390.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-17
Northern States Power Company
Cogeneration - Small Power
Production
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's annual update of cogeneration and small power production rate schedules effective March 1, 2025, in Northern States Power Company, Cogeneration – Small Power Production, Rates, Case No. PU-25-17.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-367
Northern States Power Company
2024 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the compliance rate schedules and interim rate refund plan filed in compliance with the Commission's Order in Northern States Power Company, 2024 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-23-367.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Coal Regulatory and AML Programs
2024 OSM Evaluation Reports

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission accept the federal Office of Surface Mining's 2024 Evaluation Reports for the Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Lands Programs.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission accept the Order Adopting ALJ Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, in Grayson Mill, LLC, Missouri River Crossing Pipeline-Williams & McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-24-311.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Christmann votes "Recused from Vote."

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart votes "Aye."

Ms. Kringstad votes "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-366
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-24-366.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-381
Minnesota Power & Light
HVDC Modernization Project - Oliver
County
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: 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 Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Public Hearing in Minnesota Power & Light, HVDC Modernization Project - Oliver County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-24-381, and in Great River Energy, HVDC Modernization Project - Oliver County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-24-382.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.


Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-382
Great River Energy
HVDC Modernization Project - Oliver
County
Siting Application

ATTEST


Executive Secretary

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:36 A.M.


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR