March 26, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of March 5, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, North Central Service, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Nos. DM-24.262, DM-24-263, and DM 24 292.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Minutes

Case No. DM-24-262
Public Service Commission
North Central Service, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. DM-24-263
Public Service Commission
North Central Service, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. DM-24-292
Public Service Commission
North Central Service, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. DM-24-304
Public Service Commission
Cass Rural Water Users District
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. DM-24-314
Public Service Commission
Cass Rural Water Users District
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. DM-24-315
Public Service Commission
Cass Rural Waters Users District
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. DM-24-316
Public Service Commission
Cass Rural Water Users District
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. DM-24-317
Public Service Commission
Cass Rural Water Users District
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Cass Rural Water Users District, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Nos. DM-24-304, DM-24-314, DM-24-315, DM-24-316, and DM-24-317.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-24-367
Public Service Commission
Dakota Fence Company
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. RC-24-350 BNI Coal, Ltd. Revision 44, Permit BNCR-9702 Application

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

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

Case No. DM-24-293
Public Service Commission
North Central Service, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. DM-24-333
Public Service Commission
JR Civil LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-24-379 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Electric Service Agreement-Dakota Prairie Refining Approval Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Dakota Fence Company, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. DM-24-367.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision 44 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-9702 held by BNI Coal, Ltd. for the Center Mine to add two variance areas in the S½ of Section 29 and SW¼ of Section 28, T142N, R84W, and Section 20, T142N, R84W, and update other operation and reclamation plans as provided in Revision 44, in BNI Coal, Ltd., Revision 44, Permit BNCR-9702, Application, Case No. RC-24-350.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order 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."

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, North Central Service, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Number DM 24-293.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.
Roll Call: Mr. Christmann votes "Nay".
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart votes "Aye".
Ms. Kringstad votes "Aye".

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, JR Civil LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Number DM 24-333.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement—Dakota Prairie Refining, Approval, Case No. PU-24-379.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-380 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Electric Service Agreement - Tesoro Refining Amend Approval

Case No. PU-25-75 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Advance Prudence – Badger Wind Application

ATTEST

Executive Secretary

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – Tesoro Refining Amend, Approval, Case No. PU-24-380.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong as advocacy staff counsel in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Prudence – Badger Wind, Application, Case No. PU-25-75.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:01 A.M.

RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR