

June 4, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of May 19, 2025, and May 23, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-189
Northern States Power Company
BCR Refunds
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power, BCR Refunds, Application, Case No. PU-25-189.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-69
Meadowlark Wind I LLC
New Frontier Wind Energy Project -
McHenry County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$13,500 in Meadowlark Wind I LLC, New Frontier Wind Energy Project – McHenry County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-69.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-338
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
345-kV Transmission Line Project -
Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed on May 27, 2025, in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 345-kV Transmission Line Project – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-338.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-83
Hiland Crude, LLC
Gullickson Reroute Pipeline Project
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission deem complete the consolidated applications in Hiland Crude, LLC, Gullickson Reroute Pipeline Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-83, and Hiland Crude LLC, Hiland Express Spine Pipeline Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-84.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-84
Hiland Crude, LLC
Hiland Express Spine Pipeline Project
Siting Application

Case No. PU-25-172
ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.
6-Inch NGL Pipeline Project - Williams
Cty
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission deem complete the consolidated application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit in ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C, 6-Inch NGL Pipeline Project – Williams Cty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-172.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-185
Red River Rural Telephone Association
Wahpeton Exchange
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 Red River Rural Telephone Association, Wahpeton Exchange, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-185, and Red River Rural Telephone Association, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-25-190.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-190
Red River Rural Telephone Association
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

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

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 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 Consolidated Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Prudence – Badger Wind, Application, Case No. PU-25-75, and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 150 MW Badger Wind, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-76.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-76
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
150 MW Badger Wind
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-25-193
Otter Tail Power Company
2024 Electric
Annual Report

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission grant a 61-day extension to file the Annual Report in Otter Tail Power Company, 2024 Electric, Annual Report, Case No. PU-25-193.

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

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

Case No. PU-25-172
ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.
6-Inch NGL Pipeline Project - Williams
Cty
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order 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."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the request made to the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings asking that the Administrative Law Judge be designated as a substantive hearing officer in ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C, 6-Inch NGL Pipeline Project – Williams Cty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-172.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST



Executive Secretary

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:39 A.M.



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR