

August 7, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 7, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of July 16 and 31, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-176
Northern States Power Company
2024 Electric
Annual Report

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2024 Electric, Annual Report, Case No. PU-25-176.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Otter Tail Power Company, 2024 Electric, Annual Report, Case No. PU-25-193.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-219
Northern States Power Company
2024 Power Purchase Agreement
Costs
Compliance

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2024 Power Purchase Agreement Costs, Compliance, Case No. PU-25-219.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-221
Otter Tail Power Company
Abercrombie Solar Project - Richland
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission reduce the application fee to \$10,000 in Otter Tail Power Company, Abercrombie Solar Project – Richland County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-221.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-220
Flickertail Solar Project, LLC / Otter
Tail Power
Transfer - Certificate #70
Siting Application

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 Flickertail Solar Project, LLC / Otter Tail Power, Transfer – Certificate #70, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-220, and Otter Tail Power Company, Abercrombie Solar Project – Richland County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-221.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-221
Otter Tail Power Company
Abercrombie Solar Project - Richland
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-25-220
Flickertail Solar Project, LLC / Otter
Tail Power
Transfer - Certificate #70
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission assess an application fee of \$10,000 in Flickertail Solar Project, LLC / Otter Tail Power, Transfer – Certificate #70, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-220.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Proposed Changes
Revegetation Success Standards
Document
Approval and Formal Adoption

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve and formally adopt the changes proposed to the Revegetation Success Standards Document for demonstrating reclamation success on surface coal mined lands in North Dakota.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-192
Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC
Notice of Violation 2501
Violation

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Notice of Violation No. 2501 issued to Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC at the Beulah Mine, to affirm the violation, assess a civil penalty, and close the case upon payment of the penalty, in Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC, Notice of Violation 2501, Violation, Case No. RC-25-192.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-233
Qwest Corporation
Designated Eligible Carrier - Partial
Relinquish
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Comment in Qwest Corporation, Designated Eligible Carrier – Partial Relinquish, Application, Case No. PU-25-233.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Public Hearing 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-25-225
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-25-225.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-86
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Bison Generation Station - Williams
County
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bison Generation Station - Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-86.

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

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Hiland Crude, LLC, Gullickson Reroute Pipeline Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-83.

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

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

Public Service Commission
MISO ERAS RERRA
Verification Procedure

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission approve and formally adopt the NDPSC MISO ERAS RERRA Verification Procedure.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:29 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR