September 10, 2025

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

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of August 20, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-200 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Continental Resources Expansion -Williams Cty Public Convenience & Necessity Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Continental Resources Expansion – Williams Cty, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-200.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-201 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. EOG Resources Expansion - Mountrail County Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., EOG Resources Expansion – Mountrail County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-201.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-232 Otter Tail Power Company AMDT Cost Recovery 2026 Rates Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, AMDT Cost Recovery 2026, Rates, Case No. PU-25-232.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Abandoned Mine Lands Program State Program Amendment VI

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission submit the changes to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 38-14.2 made by the 2025 Legislature to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement as State Program Amendment VI.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-240 Coteau Properties Company Self-Bond and Collateral Bond Approval

Case No. PU-25-15
Public Service Commission
USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314
(2026)
Compliance

Case No. PU-25-180 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 2024 Earnings Sharing Refund Plan Approval

Case No. DM-25-191
Public Service Commission
Westwood Professional Services, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

ATTEST

Executive Secretary

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the rider that increases the amount of Self-Bond No. SB-9501-1 and approve Collateral Bond No. CB-9501-11 that covers all permits held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine in Coteau Properties Company, Self-Bond and Collateral Bond, Approval, Case No. RC-25-240.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Certifying Use of Federal Universal Services support in Public Service Commission, USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2026), Compliance, Case No. PU-25-15.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2024 Earnings Sharing Refund Plan, Approval, Case No. PU-25-180.

Ms. Kringstad: 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, Westwood Professional Services, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Number DM-25-191.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:49 A.M.

RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR