

September 24, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 24, 2025, 10:04 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of September 10, 2025, be approved.

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 adopt the Order 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 adopt the Order 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-25-253
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Temporary Construction Variance
Siting Temporary Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the request for a temporary variance for construction in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Temporary Construction Variance, Siting Temporary Approval, Case No. PU-25-253.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-24-82
Coteau Properties Company
Revision 29, Permit NACT-0201
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision 29 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0201 held by The Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to modify the post-mining topography, update the post-mining surface water probable hydrologic consequences, revise the post-mining land use, and update the introductory, legal, financial, compliance information, environmental, operations, and reclamation sections of the permit in Coteau Properties Company, Revision 29, Permit NACT-0201, Application, Case No. RC-24-082.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-78
Coteau Properties Company
Revision 52, Permit NACT-0401
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision 52 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0401 held by The Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to identify the next five-year coal removal areas and update mining and reclamation plans and other sections of the permit for the next permit term in Coteau Properties Company, Revision 52, Permit NACT-0401, Application, Case No. RC-25-078.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-79
Coteau Properties Company
Renewal 4, Permit NACT-0401
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-0401, held by The Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to extend the permit term on the existing permit area for another five years, until September 26, 2030, in Coteau Properties Company, Renewal 4, Permit NACT-0401, Application, Case No. RC-25-079.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-342
Otter Tail Power Company
2023 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission grant, for good cause, Otter Tail Power Company's amended compliance rate schedules as filed on August 19, 2025, in Otter Tail Power Company, 2023 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-23-342.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Settlement 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-25-248
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
(2026)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission reduce the application fee to \$10,000, suspend the rates, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2026), Rates, Case No. PU-25-248.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-236
Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-
Dakota Utilities Co.
345kV JETx Transmission Line
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint Zachary Pelham as advisory counsel in Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 345kV JETx Transmission Line, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-236.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:47 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR