## October 9, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of September 24, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

State Mining and Reclamation Award 2025 Award

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission present the 2025 North Dakota Award for Excellence in Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation to the Falkirk Mine.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: 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 adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Continental Resources Expansion – Williams Cty, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-200.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: 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 adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., EOG Resources Expansion – Mountrail County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-201.

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: I move the Commission adopt the Order 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.

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

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

Case No. GS-23-302
Public Service Commission
Dakota Gasification Company
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Notice of Probable Violation in Public Service Commission, Dakota Gasification Company, Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-23-302.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-378 Northern States Power Company Deferred Accounting - PIIC Application

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

Case No. PU-25-252 Otter Tail Power Company Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2026) Rates

Case No. PU-25-257 Northern States Power Company Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2026) Rates

Case No. PU-24-361
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
345kV Mercer-McLean-WardMountrail-Williams Cty
Siting Application

Case No. PU-25-220 Flickertail Solar Project, LLC / Otter Tail Power Transfer - Certificate #70 Siting Application Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting - PIIC, Application, Case No. PU-24-378.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Abercrombie Solar Project – Richland County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-221.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: 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, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2026), Rates, Case No. PU-25-252.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2026), Rates, Case No. PU-25-257.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 345kV Mercer-McLean-Ward-Mountrail-Williams Cty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-24-361

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission adopt the Order 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."

Case No. I-25-286
Public Service Commission
MISO Tranche 2 FERC Complaint
Complaint

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain George Pond to provide advice and legal services in Public Service Commission, MISO Tranche 2 FERC Complaint, Complaint, Case No. I-25-286.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:45 A.M.

Executive Secretary

**ATTEST** 

RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR