

October 19, 2016

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 19, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kalk.

Minutes

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the minutes of October 5, 22, 2016 be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-605
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Grenora Station Upgrade Project -
Williams County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information for Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC, Grenora Station Upgrade Project, Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-605.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-606
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Little Muddy Station Connection Project
- Williams
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Trade Secret Protection in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC, Little Muddy Station Connection Project, Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-606.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-16-663
Andrew J Westby
Auctioneer
License Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Andrew J Westby, Kindred, North Dakota.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-19
Northern States Power Company
Integrated Resource Plan
Information

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Protection of Information in Northern States Power Company, Integrated Resource Plan, Information, Case No. PU-15-19.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-618
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Phillip Porter - Kidder County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Phillip Porter - Kidder County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-16-618.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-14
Otter Tail Power Company
2014 Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Protection of Information in Otter Tail Power Company, 2014 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Factor Adjustment, Tariff, Case No. PU-14-14.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-110
Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. vs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Complaint

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission acknowledge the withdrawal by Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. of its complaint in Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. vs Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Complaint, Case No. PU-15-110.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-169
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
230 kV Transmission Line/
Stark to Bowman Ctys
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation is satisfactory and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$171.40 in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 230 kV Transmission Line/Stark to Bowman Ctys, Siting Application, Case No. PU-07-169.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-604
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
Gas Transportation - ProGold
Service Agreement(s)

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order, in Public Service Commission, Gas Transportation - ProGold, Service Agreement(s), Case No. PU-16-604.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-658
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2017)
Rates

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the filing fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2017), Rates, Case No. PU-16-658.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-16-664
2017 One-Call Grant
Grants and Contracts

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission acknowledge the October 13, 2016 electronic submittal of the 2017 Pipeline Safety One Call Grant Application in the amount of \$60,000, Public Service Commission, 2017 One-Call Grant, Application, Case No. GS-16-664.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Environmental Engineer III
Resignation

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission accept, with regret, the resignation of Francisco Echeverria effective October 12, 2016.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Post-Probationary Period Salary
Adjustment – D. Nitschke

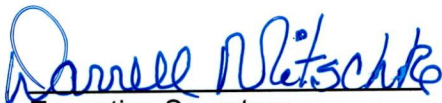
Ms. Fedorchak: I move the approval of a salary increase effective October 5, 2016 for Position No. 5001, based on the satisfactory completion of a one-year probationary period, in an amount consistent with the terms defined in the Commission's September 17, 2015 written offer of employment plus a three percent legislative increase, calculated using the base salary prior to adding the off-probation increase, for fiscal year 2016 authorized by SB 2015 during the sixty-fourth Legislative session.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.


Executive Secretary


JULIE FEDORCHAK, CHAIRMAN