

February 16, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 16, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of January 31, 2017 be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-76  
Stanley Buchholz  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Stanley Buchholz, Custer, Montana.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-305  
NST Express, LLC  
8-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline –  
McKenzie County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee interim refund in the amount of \$8,396.93 in NST Express, LLC, 8-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-305.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-74  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Meter Readings Waiver  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge Commission staff approval issued February 8, 2017 for authorization to use estimated meter readings for the towns of Surrey, Lansford, Deering, and Glenburn for the February billing cycle in Otter Tail Power Company, Meter Readings Waiver, Approval, Case No. PU-17-74.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-77  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Minn-Kota Ag Products Inc. - Richland  
County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Minn-Kota Ag Products Inc. – Richland County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-77.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-16-674  
Atlantic Farm Services Inc.  
Roving Grain Buyer - Moncton, NB  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-16-674 granting the request of Atlantic Farm Services Inc. of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, to operate as a roving grain buyer in North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-50  
Midcontinent Communications  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Midcontinent Communications, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-17-50.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

2016 Consumer Affairs Activity Report

Discussion Only

Case No. PU-13-208  
Northern States Power Company  
2012 Natural Gas  
Annual Report

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2012 Natural Gas, Annual Report, Case No. PU-13-208

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-404  
Northern States Power Company  
2013 Natural Gas  
Annual Report

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2013 Natural Gas, Annual Report, Case No. PU-14-404

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-747  
Northern States Power Company  
2014 Natural Gas  
Annual Report

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2014 Natural Gas, Annual Report, Case No. PU-14-747

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-195  
Northern States Power Company  
2015 Natural Gas  
Annual Report

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2015 Natural Gas, Annual Report, Case No. PU-16-195

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-17-14  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Public Service Commission, Great Plains Natural Gas Co., Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-17-14.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-51  
NuStar Pipeline Operating  
Partnership L.P.  
Mapleton Terminal - Cass County  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Public Service Commission, Great Plains Natural Gas Co., Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-17-14.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-826  
Buckhorn Energy Services, LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Buckhorn Energy Services, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-14-826.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-17-80  
Stream Protection Rule, 81 Fed Reg  
93066  
Civil Litigation

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Paul Seby, effective December 5, 2016, to provide legal services to represent the Commission in ND v. US Dept. of Interior, OSM, Stream Protection Rule, 81 Fed Reg 93066, Case No. RC-17-80.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-666  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU  
2016 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move that the Commission retain Mitchell Armstrong and Sarah Kuntz, effective February 6, 2017, to provide legal services to assist the Commission as advocacy staff counsel in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2016 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-16-666.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:34 A.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN