

October 4, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of September 20, 22 and 29, 2017, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-363  
Monte Volk  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Monte Volk, Mandan, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-238  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Economic Development Rider (EDR)  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Otter Tail Power Company, Economic Development Rider (EDR), Approval, Case No. PU-17-238.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-356  
Northern States Power Company  
Customer Service Hours - Electric  
Tariff

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the tariff in Northern States Power Company, Customer Service Hours – Electric, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-356 and in Northern States Power Company, Customer Service Hours – Natural Gas, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-357.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-357  
Northern States Power Company  
Customer Service Hours - Natural Gas  
Tariff

Case No. PU-17-245  
Northern States Power Company  
2016 Power Purchase Agreement  
Costs  
Compliance

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$9,879.02 in Northern States Power Company, 2016 Power Purchase Agreement Costs, Compliance, Case No. PU-17-245.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-769  
Meadowlark Midstream Co. /  
Epping Transmission Co.  
Little Muddy Creek Pipeline &  
Epping Station Pjct  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a one-year contract extension with Houston Engineering, Inc. for construction inspection services concerning Meadowlark Midstream Co. / Epping Transmission, Little Muddy Creek Pipeline & Epping Station Pjct, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-769.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-630  
Plains Pipeline, L.P.  
Crude Oil Pipeline –  
Williams County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: 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 \$15,182.85 in Plains Pipeline, L. P., Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-10-630.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-147  
Qwest Corporation  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Qwest Corporation, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-17-147 and Case No. PU-17-241

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-241  
Qwest Corporation  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. GS-17-353  
2018 Federal/State Gas  
Pipeline Safety  
Grants and Contracts

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission acknowledge the September 15, 2017 electronic submittal of the 2018 Gas Pipeline Safety Program Base Grant Application in the amount of \$354,318 in Public Service Commission, 2018 Federal/State Gas Pipeline Safety, Grants and Contracts, Case No. GS-17-353.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-17-358  
2018 One-Call Grant  
Grants and Contracts

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission acknowledge the September 25, 2017 electronic submittal of the 2018 Pipeline Safety One Call Grant Application in the amount of \$60,000 in Public Service Commission, 2018 One-Call Grant, Grants and Contracts, Case No. GS-17-358.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-840  
Montana-Dakota Utilities /  
Otter Tail Power Co.  
345kV Transmission Line –  
Dickey County  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem the consolidated amendment applications complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities / Otter Tail Power Co., 345kV Transmission Line – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-840.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-102  
Northern States Power Company  
230 kV Transmission Line –  
McHenry & Ward Counties  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Corridor Certificate Number 200 and Route Permit Number 211 in Northern States Power Company, 230 kV Transmission Line – McHenry & Ward Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-102.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.  
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-102  
Northern States Power Company  
230 kV Transmission Line –  
McHenry & Ward Counties  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission execute a contract with Interstate Engineering for construction inspection services in Northern States Power Company, 230 kV Transmission Line – McHenry & Ward Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-102.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.  
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-284  
Foxtail Wind, LLC  
Foxtail Wind Energy Center –  
Dickey County  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem the application complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing in Foxtail Wind, LLC, Foxtail Wind Energy Center – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-840.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.  
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-362  
Border Winds Energy /  
Northern States Power Co.  
Transfer of Site Certificate  
Siting Application

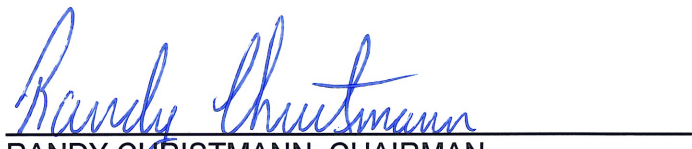
Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-362.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.  
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN