

July 9, 2018

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on July 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Correction to Minutes of June 13, 2018,
and Approval
Commission Meeting

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission amend the June 13, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes, previously approved on June 27, 2018, to correct Administrative Matters Item A1. to indicate the person making the motion was Mr. Christmann, not Ms. Fedorchak.

I further move the Commission approve the June 13, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes, as corrected, and replace the incorrect minutes in the minute book with the correct version approved today.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of June 27 and July 3, 2018 be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division
Grain Warehouse and Grain Buyer
Update

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new grain warehouse and grain buyer licenses, all of which became effective during the month of June 2018.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE LICENSES

Business Name	Location	Capacity (bu.)	Effective Date
FO-ND, LLC dba Firebird Artisan Mills	Harvey, ND	93,000	06/18/2018
Hunter Hanson dba NoDak Grain	Rugby, ND	54,000	6/25/2018
Midway Seed, LLC	Cavalier, ND	20,000	6/28/2018
O'Toole Seed Co.	Crystal, ND	340,000	6/28/2018

ROVING GRAIN BUYER LICENSES

Business Name	Location	Projected Purchases (bu.)	Effective Date
Indigo Ag, Inc.	Charlestown, MA	50,000	6/26/2018

BP & Sons Grain and Storage Inc.	Morden, Manitoba Canada	2,000,000	6/28/2018
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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-18-237
Jon Martin Leadbetter dba JM
Leadbetter Auction Services
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Jon Martin Leadbetter dba JM Leadbetter Auction Services, Wishek, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-18-249
Jerry Craig King
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Jerry Craig King, Gadsden, Alabama.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-397
Arrow Field Services, LLC
Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing Plant
II - McKenzie
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee interim refund in the amount of \$61,228.61 in Arrow Field Services, LLC, Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing Plant II – McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-397.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-223
ELPC & DRC v. Meridian Energy Grp.
Energy Conversion Facility – Davis
Refinery
Complaint

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find the Formal Complaint filed by the Environmental Law & Policy Center and the Dakota Resource Council against Meridian Energy Group, Inc. on June 29, 2018, states a prima facie case, and serve the Complaint on the Respondent in ELPC & DRC v. Meridian Energy Grp., Energy Conversion Facility – Davis Refinery, Complaint, Case No. PU-18-223.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-18-92
BNI Coal, Ltd.
Renewal 7 to Permit BNCR-8106
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal No. 7 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. BNCR-8106, held by BNI Coal, Ltd. for the Center Mine, to extend the permit term on the existing permit area for another five years until July 18, 2023.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-120
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 1,550 MW Wind
Generation
Application

Mr. Kroshus: Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, I move the Commission consolidate the captioned cases for hearing and issue a Notice of Consolidated Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 1,550 MW Wind Generation, Application and Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 302.4 MW Dakota Range Wind, Application.

Case No. PU-17-372
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 302.4 MW Dakota
Range Wind
Application

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

Case No. PU-18-161
Cass County Soil Conservation District
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Cass County Soil Conservation District, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-161.

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

Case No. PU-18-200
Northern States Power Company
Earnings Sharing - 2017
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Earnings Share – 2017, Rates, Case No. PU-18-200.

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

Case No. PU-18-217
BakkenLink Pipeline LLC
Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity
Cancellation / Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in BakkenLink Pipeline LLC, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Cancellation / Application, Case No. PU-18-217.

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

Case No. PU-18-224
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas System - Drayton, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas System - Drayton, ND, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-18-224.

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

Case No. PU-11-662
Allete Clean Energy, Inc.
100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc -
Mercer & Morton
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice Opportunity for Hearing in ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc., 100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc – Mercer & Morton, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-662.

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

Case No. PU-18-186
Langdon Wind, LLC
Langdon Wind Energy Center Upgrade
Project
Siting Exclusion Certification

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Langdon Wind, LLC, Langdon Wind Energy Center Upgrade Project, Siting Exclusion Certification, Case No. PU-18-186.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Voluntary Separation Incentive
Program

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission establish and implement a Public Service Commission Voluntary Separation Incentive Program effective July 9, 2018.

I further move the Commission direct the Executive Secretary to distribute the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program to all employees by July 12, 2018.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:53 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN