

August 22, 2018

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 22, 2018, 10:03 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of August 1 and August 9, 2018, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-18-307  
Teresa Wald  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Teresa Wald, Napoleon, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-813  
Northern States Power Company  
2013 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission amend the contract with PA Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting services in the captioned Northern States Power Company's Cases PU-12-813; PU-13-706; PU-13-707; PU-13-708; PU-13-742; PU-13-743; PU 13 194; and PU-13-195.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-194  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - NG Generators  
Application

Case No. PU-13-195  
Northern States Power Company  
Red River Valley NG Units 1 & 2 -  
Hankinson, ND  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-13-706  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Courtenay Wind  
Application

Case No. PU-13-707  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Odell Wind Pjc  
Application

Case No. PU-13-708  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence-Pleasant Valley  
Application

Case No. PU-13-742  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Border Winds  
Application

Motion Continued

Case No. PU-13-743  
Northern States Power Company  
150 MW Border Winds Project - Rolette  
County, ND  
Public Convenience & Necessity

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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission amend the contract with PA Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting services in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 1,550 MW Wind Generation, Application, Case No. PU-17-120.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission amend the contract with PA Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting services in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 302.4 MW Dakota Range Wind, Application, Case No. PU-17-372.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-306  
The Helmsman Group, LLC dba  
AgMark  
Roving Grain Buyer - Emeryville, CA  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the order in Case No. GE-18-306 acknowledging the expiration of roving grain buyer license number 3214 on July 31, 2018 and the automatic discontinuance of business of The Helmsman Group, LLC dba AgMark as a roving grain buyer in North Dakota on August 1, 2018 for failing to file the required license renewal in a timely manner.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-661  
Sunflower Wind Project, LLC  
Wind Energy Conversion Facility -  
Stark & Morton  
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve the decommissioning plan and cost estimate, but reserve judgement on the plan for financial assurance filed May 25, 2018 in Sunflower Wind Project, LLC, Wind Energy Conversion Facility, Stark and Morton, Decommissioning Plan and Cost, Case No. PU-16-661.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-238  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Economic Development  
Tariff

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Economic Development, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-238.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-277  
Hiland Partners Holdings LLC  
Roosevelt Gas Plant Expansion Project  
- McKenzie  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem the application complete and issue a Notice of Filings and Public Hearing in Hiland Partners Holdings LLC, Roosevelt Gas Plant Expansion Project - McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-277.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-277  
Hiland Partners Holdings LLC  
Roosevelt Gas Plant Expansion Project  
- McKenzie  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Wall to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Hiland Partners Holdings LLC, Roosevelt Gas Plant Expansion Project, McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-277.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-280  
Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC  
Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center -  
Emmons & Logan  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Zachary Pelham to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC, Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center, Emmons and Logan Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-280.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-281  
Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC  
Emmons-Logan 230 kV Transmission  
Line - Emmons  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Zachary Pelham to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC, Emmons-Logan 230 kV Transmission Line, Emmons County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-281.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN