

January 23, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 23, 2019, 10:02 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of January 9, 2019, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-345
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas Service - Drayton, ND
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve the compliance tariffs and rates filed January 2, 2019 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas Service – Drayton, ND, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-18-345.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-397
Otter Tail Power Company
Cass Rural Water District - Cass
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Cass Rural Water District – Cass County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-18-397.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-16
Northern States Power Company
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's annual update of cogeneration and small power production rate schedules in Northern States Power Company, Cogeneration – Small Power Production, Rates, Case No. PU-19-16.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-848
North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC
24-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline - Sandpiper
Project
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Protection of Information in North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC, 24-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline, Sandpiper Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-848.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-144
Foxtail Wind, LLC/Northern States
Power Company
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$4,958.92 in Foxtail Wind, LLC/Northern States Power Company, Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-144.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Re-Certification
Approval

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Michael Haas	Freedom Mine	16-01-377 R(1)
Kyle Haraseth	Freedom Mine	16-01-378 R(1)
William Keller III	Freedom Mine	10-02-328 R(3)
Casey Lund	Freedom Mine	16-01-379 R(1)
Dustin Mischel	Freedom Mine	16-01-380 R(1)
Kenton Richau	Freedom Mine	16-01-381 R(1)
Roland Sabot	Freedom Mine	16-01-382 R(1)
Tyrel Victor	Freedom Mine	16-01-383 R(1)

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-373
Midcontinent Communications
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications \$469.26 for costs incurred to date in Midcontinent Communications, Designate Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-18-373.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-75
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
Gas Service
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve the compliance tariff and refund plan in Great Plains Natural Gas Co., Gas Service, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-75.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-398
Otter Tail Power Company
2017 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Intent to Amend Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, 2017 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-398.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-17
Otter Tail Power Company
2019 Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000, suspend the tariff filing, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, 2019 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor, Rates, Case No. PU 19-17.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-302
Burke Wind, LLC
Burke Wind Transmission Line - Burke
& Mountrail
Siting Application

Case No. PU-18-344
Burke Wind, LLC
Burke County Wind Energy Center -
Burke County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: 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 or fact, I move the Commission consolidate for hearing, under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04, Burke Wind, LLC, Burke Wind Transmission Line – Burke & Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-302, and Burke Wind, LLC, Burke County Wind Energy center – Burke County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-344.

I further move the Commission deem the applications complete conditioned on receipt at least 30 days prior to the hearing of: 1) Maps showing final site plan with turbines, access roads, collector lines, transmission line structures and all residential receptor points labeled. 2.) Class II and Class III cultural resource survey reports or summaries showing areas surveyed and SHPO cultural site numbers recommended for avoidance; and 3) Wetland delineation reports.

I further move the Commission issue a Notice of Filings and Notice of Consolidated Hearings in Burke Wind, LLC, Burke Wind Transmission Line – Burke & Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-302, and Burke Wind, LLC, Burke County Wind Energy center – Burke County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-344.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-19-24
Scranton Equity Exchange
License No. 1298 - Dickinson, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in Scranton Equity Exchange, License No. 1298 – Dickinson, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-19-24.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-19-25
Hurdsfield Grain, Inc.
License No. 848 - Hurdsfield, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in Hurdsfield Grain, Inc., License No. 848 – Hurdsfield, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-19-25.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-19-26
CHS, Inc.
Facility-Based Grain Buyer - Adams,
ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in CHS, Inc., Facility-Based Grain Buyer – Adams, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-19-26.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-404
Belle Fourche Pipeline Company
8-inch Wilson-Bowline Pipeline
Conversion Project
Siting Application

Case No. PU-18-405
Belle Fourche Pipeline Company
6-inch Skunk Hill-DPR Pipeline
Conversion Project
Siting Application

ATTEST



Interim Executive Secretary

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Wall to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Belle Fourche Pipeline Company, 8-inch Wilson-Bowline Pipeline Conversion Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-404, and Belle Fourche Pipeline Company, 6-inch Skunk Hill-DPR Pipeline Conversion Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-405.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:26 P.M.



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN