

February 6, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 6, 2019, 10:08 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of January 26, 2019, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: 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 issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,882.05 in Great Plains Natural Gas Co., Gas Service, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-75.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-37
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Returned Check Charge - Electric
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s updated return check charge, in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Return Check Charge - Electric, Case No. PU-19-37.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-36
Public Service Commission
Energy Conversion Facility Siting
Criteria
Rulemaking

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission propose revisions to the North Dakota Administrative Code, and issue a Notice of Intent to Amend Administrative Rules and Notice of Public Hearing and an abbreviated Notice of Intent to Amend Administrative Rules and Notice of Public Hearing for publication in each official county newspaper throughout the state as required by law, in Public Service Commission, Energy Conversion Facility Siting Criteria, Rulemaking, Case No. PU-19-36.

Section 69-06-08-01 Energy Conversion Facility Siting Criteria

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division
 Grain Warehouse and Grain Buyer
 Update

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new grain warehouse license which became effective during the month of January 2019.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE LICENSE

Business Name	Location	Capacity (bu.)	Effective Date
Deer Creek Animal Sciences LLC dba Woody's Feed & Grain	Dickinson, ND	132,000	1/11/2019

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

Compliance Division
 Auctioneer and Auction Clerk Update

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new auction licenses, all of which became effective during the month of January 2019.

AUCTIONEER LICENSES

Auctioneer Name	Location	Effective Date
Justin Ruth	West Fargo, ND	1/1/2019
Marshall Hansen	Salem, SD	1/1/2019
Brenden Stevens	Williston, ND	1/1/2019
Rowdy Benson	Morristown, SD	1/1/2019

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

Case No. PU-18-118
 Northern States Power Company
 Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver
 Approval

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver, Approval, Case No. PU-18-118.

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

Case No. PU-18-155
 Northern States Power Company
 Tax Reform Effects - Electric Utility
 Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Settlement in Northern States Power Company, Tax Reform Effects – Electric Utility, Rates, Case No. PU-18-155.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
 Roll Call: No Vote Taken

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission amend the pending motion to note the addition of the five words "located outside of North Dakota" to the Order on Settlement, to be added in the third line of the seventh paragraph on page two, after the word "resource" in Northern States Power Company, Tax Reform Effects – Electric Utility, Rates, Case No. PU-18-155.

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

Case No. PU-18-155 Continued
Northern States Power Company
Tax Reform Effects - Electric Utility
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Settlement including the five words "located outside of North Dakota" in the third line of the seventh paragraph, on page two after the word "resource" in Northern States Power Company, Tax Reform Effects – Electric Utility, Rates, Case No. PU-18-155.

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

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing site certificate number 57 in Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC, Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center – Emmons & Logan, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-280.

Mr. Christmann: 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

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing corridor certificate number 208 and route permit number 218 in Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC, Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center – Emmons & Logan, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-281.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-17-369
Leonardite Products LLC
Bond Release No. 1 for Permit GRGR-
0501
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Bond Release No. 1 for Surface Coal Mining Permit No. GRGR-0501, held by Leonardite Products, LLC for the Stony Creek Mine, to release all reclamation liabilities on 15.15 acres of industrial land located in the W½ of Section 8, T154N, R100W, Williams County. The bond release amount is \$111,257 and it will become effective March 8, 2019, unless a formal hearing is requested.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-18-95
Public Service Commission
2018 Wilton Phase 4, Shell Lake and
Williams Cnty
Project

WITHDRAWN

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The Commission recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m. to continue the Administrative Matters.

Case No. PU-18-403
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Mankato Energy
Center
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission retain Zachary Pelham, effective January 13, 2019, to provide legal services to assist the Commission as Advisory Staff Counsel in processing Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence, Mankato Energy Center, Application, Case No. PU-18-403.

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

Case No. PU-18-430
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 151.2 MW Dakota
Range III
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission retain Zachary Pelham, effective January 13, 2019, to provide legal services to assist the Commission as Advisory Staff Counsel in processing Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence, 151.2 MW Dakota Range III, Application, Case No. PU-18-430.

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

Case No. PU-18-403
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Mankato Energy
Center
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Wall, effective January 13, 2019, to assist the Commission as Advocacy Staff Counsel in processing Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence, Mankato Energy Center, Application, Case No. PU-18-403.

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

Case No. PU-18-430
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 151.2 MW Dakota
Range III
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Wall, effective January 13, 2019, to assist the Commission as Advocacy Staff Counsel in processing Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence, 151.2 MW Dakota Range III, Application, Case No. PU-18-430.

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

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:45 P.M.



Interim Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN