

March 13, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 13, 2019, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of February 26 and 28, 2019, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-329  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery  
(2019)  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,022.32 in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-18-329.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-379  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,703.75 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-18-379.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-380  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Generation Resource Cost Recovery  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,692.65 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-18-380.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-40  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Small Power Production / Cogeneration  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Otter Tail Power Company, Small Power Production / Cogeneration, Rates, Case No. PU-19-40.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-24  
Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC  
Keene Oil Gathering System  
Conversion - McKenzie  
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve the initial tree and shrub mitigation plan filed February 20, 2019, in Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC, Keene Oil Gathering System Conversion - McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-24.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute Contract No. PU-807-19-EE with Hessler Associates, Inc. for consulting services in 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."

Compliance Division  
Auctioneer and Auction Clerk Update

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

**AUCTION CLERK LICENSE**

<b>Auction Clerk Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Halvorson Boote Clerking	Binford, ND	2/16/2019

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 and grain buyer licenses, all of which became effective during the month of February 2019.

**GRAIN WAREHOUSE LICENSES**

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Capacity (bu.)</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Fessenden Cooperative Association	Hamberg Bean	640,000	2/19/2019

**ROVING GRAIN BUYER LICENSES**

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Capacity (bu.)</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
FCStone Merchant Services, LLC	Kansas City, MO	99,999	2/28/2019

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

Case No. PU-14-720  
Blue Jay Wireless, LLC  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Blue Jay Wireless, LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-14-720.

Mr. Christmann: 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 adopt the Order Amending Order on Settlement 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-18-364  
Northern States Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery  
(2019)  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rates in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2019), Rates, Case No. PU-18-364.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-91  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Generation Resource Cost Recovery  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission reduce the filing fee to \$10,000, suspend the tariff and rates, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU 19-91.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-381  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU 18-381.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-19-89  
General Mills Operations , LLC  
Facility-Based Grain Buyer - Northgate,  
ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in General Mills Operations, LLC, Facility-Based Grain Buyer – Northgate, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-19-89.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-19-97  
Leonardite Products LLC  
Collateral Bond  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Collateral Bond No. LC-GRGR-0501-04 in the amount of \$170,102.00 covering Surface Coal Mining Permit No. GRGR-0501 held by Leonardite Products, LLC, for the Stony Creek Mine.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:03 P.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN