

May 29, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on May 29, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of May 15 and May 20, 2019, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-514  
Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Fargo MGP  
Project  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting, Fargo MGP Project, Application, Case No. PU-15-514.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-490  
Public Service Commission  
Rate Impact and Accounting  
Treatment  
Investigation

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Public Service Commission, Rate Impact and Accounting Treatment, Investigation, Case No. PU-17-490.

Mr. Christmann: 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 Granting Protection of Information in Northern States Power Company, Tax Reform Effects, Electric Utility, Rates, Case No. PU-18-155 and Northern States Power Company, Tax Reform Effects, Gas Utility, Rates, Case No. PU-18-156.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-156  
Northern States Power Company  
Tax Reform Effects - Gas Utility  
Rates

Case No. PU-18-225  
Otter Tail Power Company  
PURPA 210 Biennial Report  
Reports

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Otter Tail Power Company, PURPA 210 Biennial Report, Reports, Case No. PU-18-225.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-310  
Public Service Commission  
Garrison Rural Water District  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Garrison Rural Water District, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-310.

Mr. Christmann: 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 adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Northern States Power Company, Cogeneration / Small Power Producer, Rates, Case No. PU-19-16.

Mr. Christmann: 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 issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,656.70 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-19-101  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Oasis Petroleum (Merrit 5693) -  
Mountrail County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Oasis Petroleum (Merrit 5693) – Mountrail County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-101.

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

Case No. PU-19-177  
Northern States Power Company  
2018 Natural Gas  
Annual Report

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2018 Natural Gas, Annual Report, Case No. PU-19-177.

Mr. Christmann: 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.
Royce Hettich	Freedom Mine	16-08-386 R(1)
Eric Kuntz	Freedom Mine	16-11-392 R(1)
Jerry Praus	Freedom Mine	16-08-388 R(1)
John Schaaf	Freedom Mine	16-08-389 R(1)
Eric Zempel	Freedom Mine	13-06-353 R(2)

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

Case No. PU-18-386  
Public Service Commission  
Nodak Plbg. & Heating, Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Nodak Plbg. & Heating, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-386.

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

Case No. PU-18-411  
Public Service Commission  
Moorhead Electric, LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Moorhead Electric, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-411.

Mr. Christmann: 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 issue a Notice of Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Advanced 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 issue a Notice of Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Advanced Prudence – 151.2 MW Dakota Range III, Application, Case No. PU-18-430.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-103  
Northern States Power Company  
Petition/Accounting Treatment/Asset Sale  
Approval

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Petition/Accounting Treatment/Asset Sale, Approval, Case No. PU-19-103.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-172  
Northern States Power Company  
Fuel Clause Adjustment Variance  
Approval

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Fuel Cost Adjustment Variance, Approval, Case No. PU-19-172.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-351  
Aurora Wind Project, LLC  
345 kV Transmission Line - Williams and Mountrail  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Corridor Certificate Number 210 and Route Permit Number 220 in Aurora Wind Project, LLC, 345 kV Transmission Line – Williams & Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-351.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-19-39  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Revision 39 to Permit NAFK-8705  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 39 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8705 held by The Falkirk Mining Company, to update the legal and ownership information, fish and wildlife information, and the operations and reclamation plans for the next permit term.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-19-38  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Renewal 6 to Permit NAFK-8705  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8705 held by Falkirk Mining Company for the Falkirk Mine, to extend the permit term for the next five years, until July 6, 2024.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-19-47  
Coteau Properties Company  
Renewal 7 to Permit NACT-8401  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal No. 7 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-8401, held by The Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to extend the permit term on the existing permit area for another five years, until July 3, 2024.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-19-80  
Public Service Commission  
2019 Morton County Phase 2 AML  
Project

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission retain Thomas Bair, effective May 17, 2019, to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Public Service Commission, 2019 Morton County Phase 2 AML Project, Case No. AM-19-80 and Public Service Commission, 2019 Williams County Road 9 Phase 7 and Noonan AML Project, Case No. AM-19-81.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-19-81  
Public Service Commission  
2019 Williams County Road 9 Phase  
7 and Noonan AML  
Project

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New Hire - Weights and Measures  
Inspector

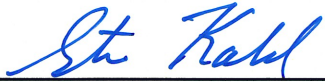
Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission acknowledge the offer to and acceptance of Brandon Wahlfeldt to fill Position No. 5010, Weights and Measures Inspector, effective June 1, 2019, under the terms specified in the May 24, 2019 written offer of employment.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:09 A.M.



Interim Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN