

July 10, 2019

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

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of June 26 and June 27, 2019, be approved.

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 issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$7,425.46 in Otter Tail Power Company, 2017 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-398.

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 adopt the Order 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-19-182
Public Service Commission
Farden Construction, Inc. (03:54 p.m.)
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Farden Construction, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-182.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-183
Public Service Commission
Farden Construction, Inc. (03:55 p.m.)
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Farden Construction, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-183.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-184
Public Service Commission
Farden Construction, Inc. (03:56 p.m.)
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Farden Construction, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-184.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-188
Otter Tail Power Company
2018 Electric
Annual Report

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Otter Tail Power Company, 2018 Electric, Annual Report, Case No. PU-19-188.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-196
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Oasis Petroleum (Meiers 5692) -
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 (Meiers 5692) – Mountrail County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-196.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-204
Dakota Access, LLC
Dakota Access Pipeline Pump Station -
Emmons Cnty
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem complete the combined application for a corridor certificate and a route permit and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Dakota Access, LLC, Dakota Access Pipeline Pump Station – Emmons County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-204.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-13-811
Knife River Corporation
Bond Release 2, Permit KRGC-8404
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Bond Release No. 2 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRGC-8404, held by the Knife River Corporation, to release all remaining reclamation liabilities on 222 acres located in portions of Sections 33, T131N, R99W, Bowman County. The amount of the bond release is \$174,716 and it will become effective August 9, 2019, unless a formal hearing is requested.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-19-88
BNI Coal, Ltd.
Renewal 7 to Permit BNCR-8202
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal No. 7 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. BNCR-8202, held by BNI Coal, Ltd. for the Center Mine, to extend the permit term on the existing permit area for another five years, until July 31, 2024.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-22
Public Service Commission
Crawford's Construction, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 13, 2019, in Public Service Commission, Crawford's Construction, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-22.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Gas Pipeline Safety Program Manual
Adoption

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the July 10, 2019 Public Service Commission Gas Pipeline Safety Program Manual.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:37 A.M.



Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN