

August 21, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 21, 2019, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of August 6, 2019 be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-108
Public Service Commission
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

WITHDRAWN

Case No. PU-19-187
Public Service Commission
B G Amundson Construction Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, B.G. Amundson Construction, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-187.

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

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

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute Contract No. PU-822-19 with Keitu Engineers and Consultants, Inc. for construction inspection services in Aurora Wind Project, LLC, 345 kV Transmission Line – Williams and Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-351.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-352
Aurora Wind Project, LLC
Aurora Wind Project - Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute Contract No. PU-823-19 with Keitu Engineers and Consultants, Inc. for construction inspection services in Aurora Wind Project, LLC, Aurora Wind Project – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-352.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-93
Northern States Power Company
Customer Credit - DOE Settlement
2017
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Customer Credit – DOE Settlement 2017, Application, Case No. PU-19-93.
Ms. Fedorchak: 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 adopt the Order 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-19-285
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the rate, assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-19-285
Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-292
Otter Tail Power Company
Environmental Cost Recovery Charge
(ECRC)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the rate, assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Environmental Cost Recovery Charge (ECRC), Rates, Case No. PU-19-292.
Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-283
ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Bear Creek Gas Plant Expansion -
Dunn County
Siting Exclusion Certification

Mr. Kroshus: Based upon a determination that there is no reasonable alternative to the expected impact to a cultural resources site identified in the July 24, 2019 Certification Relating to N.D.C.C. § 49-22.101(3)(a) of David Roensch, Vice-President – Natural Gas Gathering and Processing Operations, ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., I move the Commission approve the request to impact the avoidance area in ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., Bear Creek Gas Plant Expansion – Dunn County, Siting Exclusion Certification, Case No. PU-19-283.
Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.
Roll Call: Mr. Kroshus votes "Aye".
Ms. Fedorchak votes "Recused from Vote".
Mr. Christmann votes "Aye".

Case No. PU-19-284
Ashtabula Wind, LLC
Ashtabula Wind Energy Center
Repower
Siting Exclusion Certification

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Ashtabula Wind, LLC, Ashtabula Wind Energy Center Repower, Siting Exclusion Certification, Case No. PU-19-284.

Mr. Christmann: 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 issue a Notice of 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. PU-19-294
Denbury Green Pipeline - North
Dakota, LLC
12-inch Cedar Hills Pipeline Pjct -
Slope & Bowman
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Denbury Green Pipeline - North Dakota, LLC, 12-inch Cedar Hills Pipeline Project, Slope & Bowman Counties, Siting Application, PSC Case No. PU-19-294.

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

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.



Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN