

September 19, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 19, 2019, 10:02 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of September 4, 2019, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-307
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
88 MW Turbine - Heskett 4
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$125,000 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, 88 MW Turbine – Heskett 4, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU 19-307.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-662
Allete Clean Energy, Inc.
100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc -
Mercer & Morton
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission correct Second Amended and Third Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 30 to reflect the 106 MW of project generating capacity approved by the Commission in Case No. PU-17-302 in ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc., 100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Project - Mercer & Morton Counties, Case No. PU-11-662 and ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc., 100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Project - Mercer & Morton Counties, Case No. PU-19-107.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-107
Allete Clean Energy, Inc.
100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc -
Mercer & Morton
Siting Application

Blaster Certification/Re-Certification
Approval

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve blaster certification and re-certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Kyle Boger	Freedom Mine	19-08-420
Joseph Grammond	Freedom Mine	19-08-419
Dwight Hatzenbuhler	Freedom Mine	16-08-385 R(1)
Joe Bernhardt	Falkirk Mine	19-08-423
Jeff Enzminger	Falkirk Mine	16-08-390(R1)
Travis Kuhn	Falkirk Mine	19-08-425
Mitchell Maas	Falkirk Mine	19-08-424
Amy Senn	Falkirk Mine	19-08-421
Delvin Striha	Falkirk Mine	19-08-422

Ms. Fedorchak: 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 August 2019.

AUCTION CLERK LICENSES

Auction Clerk Name	Location	Effective Date
Ag Experts Ltd. dba	Fargo, ND	8/20/2019
Ag Experts Land & Auction		
Weishaar Clerking Services, LLC	Sentinel Butte, ND	8/27/2019

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-298
Otter Tail Power Company
69 kV Transmission Segment & Three Substations
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, 69 kV Transmission Segment & Three Substations, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-19-298.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-311
Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2020)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000, suspend the rate, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2020), Rates, Case No. PU 19-311.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-840
Montana-Dakota Utilities / Otter Tail Power Co.
345kV Transmission Line - Dickey County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities / Otter Tail Power Co., 345kV Transmission Line – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-840.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-339
Northern States Power Company
Foxtail Wind Project - Dickey County
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the decommissioning plan and the base cost estimate filed on August 27, 2019 with revisions noted in the letter filed on September 10, 2019, and further move the Commission approve the self-guarantee filed on September 9, 2019, in Northern States Power Company, Foxtail Wind Project - Dickey County, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-18-339.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

State Mining and Reclamation Award
2019 Award

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission present the 2019 North Dakota Award for Excellence in Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation to Great River Energy.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-197
USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314
(2020)
Compliance

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Certifying Use of Federal Universal Services Support in Public Service Commission, USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2020), Compliance, Case No. PU-19-197.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-306
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Advance Prudence - Heskett 4
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong and Sarah Wall as advocacy staff counsel in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Prudence – Heskett 4, Application, Case No. PU-19-306 and in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 88 MW Turbine – Heskett 4, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-307.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-307
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
88 MW Turbine - Heskett 4
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-19-306
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Advance Prudence - Heskett 4
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Prudence – Heskett 4, Application, Case No. PU-19-306 and in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 88 MW Turbine – Heskett 4, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-307.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-307
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
88 MW Turbine - Heskett 4
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-18-305
Public Service Commission
Carstensen Contracting, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh as advocacy staff effective August 30, 2019, in Public Service Commission, Carstensen Contracting, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-305.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-210
Public Service Commission
Carstensen Contracting, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Victor Schock and John Schuh as advocacy staff effective August 30, 2019, in Public Service Commission, Carstensen Contracting, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-210.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-310
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 98.9 Mower Co.
Wind Facility
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 98.9 Mower Co. Wind Facility, Application, Case No. PU-19-310.

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

Case No. GE-18-395
Midwest Grain Trading/NoDak Grain
Roving Grain Buyer/Grain Warehouse
Insolvencies

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute the September 18, 2019 Release Agreement between Archer Daniels Midland Company and the North Dakota Public Service Commission as Trustee of Hunter Hanson d/b/a Midwest Grain Trading and Hunter Hanson d/b/a NoDak Grain in Midwest Grain Trading/NoDak Grain, Roving Grain Buyer/Grain Warehouse, Insolvencies, Case No. GE-18-395

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

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:06 A.M.



Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN