

October 2, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 2, 2019, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of September 19, 2019, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-372
Public Service Commission
Midcontinent Communications
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Midcontinent Communications, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-372.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-8
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Cost of Gas 2019
Tariff Monthly Adjustments

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Cost of Gas 2019, Tariff Monthly Adjustments, Case No. PU-19-8.

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 adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Northern States Power Company, Fuel Clause Adjustment Variance, Approval, Case No. PU-19-172.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-295
Public Service Commission
Midstate Telephone Co.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Midstate Telephone Co., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-295.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-319
Otter Tail Power Company
Oberon Dist. 16 School - Benson
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Oberon Dist. 16 School – Benson County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-319.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-842
Dakota Access, LLC
Dakota Access Pipeline Project
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Dakota Access, LLC, Dakota Access Pipeline Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-842.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-215
Public Service Commission
Fox Hills Fencing
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Fox Hills Fencing, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-215.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-560
Allete, Inc.
Bison 1 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton
Counties
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the decommissioning plans and cost estimates filed on August 23, 2019, for the four phases of the Bison Wind facility, in Allete, Inc., Bison 1 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton Counties, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-11-560; Allete, Inc., Bison 2 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton Counties, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-12-241; Allete, Inc., Bison 3 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton Counties, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-18-232; and Allete, Inc., Bison 4 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton Counties, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-18-233.

Case No. PU-12-241
Allete, Inc.
Bison 2 Wind Project - Oliver &
Morton
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-232
Allete, Inc.
Bison 3 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Case No. PU-18-233
Allete, Inc.
Bison 4 Wind Project - Oliver & Morton
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Case No. PU-16-48
Midcontinent Communications
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Intent to Amend Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Midcontinent Communications, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-16-48, and Midcontinent Communications, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-17-50.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-50
Midcontinent Communications
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Case No. PU-19-224
Inter-Community Tel. / Absaraka
Cooperative
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Inter-Community Tel. / Absaraka Cooperative, Local Exchange, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-19-224; and Inter-Community Tel. / Absaraka Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-19-230.

Case No. PU-19-230
Inter-Community Tel. / Absaraka
Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-412
Public Service Commission
KPH, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective September 13, 2019, in

Case No. PU-18-413
Public Service Commission
KPH, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

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Case No. PU-18-414
Public Service Commission
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Case No. PU-18-413

Case No. PU-18-415
Public Service Commission
KPH, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

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KPH, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement
Case No. PU-18-414

Case No. PU-18-416
Public Service Commission
KPH, Inc.
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Case No. PU-18-415

Case No. PU-18-417
Public Service Commission
KPH, Inc.
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KPH, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement
Case No. PU-18-416

Case No. PU-18-418
Public Service Commission
KPH, Inc.
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Case No. PU-18-417

Public Service Commission
KPH, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement
Case No. PU-18-418

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-113
Public Service Commission
Dakota Services / Muriel Close
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective September 12, 2019, in Public Service Commission, Dakota Services / Muriel Close, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-113.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-300
Public Service Commission
Crosby Creek Consulting, LLP
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff in Public Service Commission, Crosby Creek Consulting, LLP, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-300.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:40 A.M.



Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN