

December 18, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 18, 2019, 10:03 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Mr. Kroshus: I move the passage of 13 Consent Agenda items, excluding AU-19-379, and the previous minutes.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion

Motion was unanimously withdrawn

Mr. Kroshus: I move the passage of 12 Consent Agenda items, excluding AU-19-379, and the previous minutes.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

(Agenda items listed below)

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of December 3, 2019, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: 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 an application fee refund in the amount of \$77,500.89 in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – Mankato Energy Center, Application, Case No. PU-18-403.

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 adopt the Order on Protection of Information in Otter Tail Power Company, 69 kV Transmission Segment & Three Substations, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-298.

Ms. Fedorchak: 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 adopt the Order on Protection of Information in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 98.9 Mower Co. Wind Facility, Application, Case No. PU-19-310

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-342
Otter Tail Power Company
Justin & Allen Zerr (Zerr Family Farm)-
Wells Cnty
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Corrected Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Justin & Allen Zerr (Zerr Family Farm) – Wells Cnty, Public Convenience Necessity, Case No. PU-19-342.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-162
Allete, Inc.
Bison 3 Wind Project - Oliver - Morton
Counties
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission amend the Commission motion approved on October 22, 2019, to correct the spelling of the company's name from Alette, Inc. to Allete, Inc. in Allete, Inc., Bison 3 Wind Project – Oliver – Morton Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-162.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-844
Rugby Wind LLC
Wind Energy Center - Pierce County
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications \$257.39 for costs incurred to date in Midcontinent Communications, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-16-48.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications \$257.38 for costs incurred to date in 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-19-127
North American Local, LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission bill North American Local, LLC \$481.20 for costs incurred to date in North American Local, LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-19-127.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Protection of Information in Inter-Community Tel. / Absaraka Cooperative, Local Exchange, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-294

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission bill Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C. \$214.28 and Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. \$214.28 for costs incurred to date in Inter-Community Tel. / Absaraka Cooperative, Local Exchange, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-19-224.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission bill Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC \$214.28 and Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. \$214.28 for costs incurred to date in Inter-Community Tel. / Absaraka Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-19-230.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Protection of Information in Inter-Community Tel. / Absaraka Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-19-230

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-19-379
Larry M. Kroshus
Auctioneer License
Cancellation

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order Cancelling Auctioneer License in Larry M. Kroshus, Auctioneer License, Cancellation, Case No. AU-19-379.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Kroshus "Recused from Vote."

Ms. Fedorchak "Aye."

Mr. Christmann "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 adopt the Order issuing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5935 in Otter Tail Power Company, 69 kV Transmission Segment & Three Substations, Public Convenience & 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 adopt the Order 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-19-332
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement - ND OMB
Approval

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – ND OMB, Approval, Case No. PU-19-332.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-355
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU 19-355.

Mr. Christmann: 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 adopt the Order 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-19-294
Denbury Green Pipeline - North
Dakota, LLC
12-inch Cedar Hills Pipeline Pjct -
Slope & Bowman
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 Filing and Public Hearing in Denbury Green Pipeline - North Dakota, LLC, 12-inch Cedar Hills Pipeline Pjct - Slope & Bowman, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-294.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-343
Allete Clean Energy / Glen Ullin Energy
Center
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order issuing First Reissued Third Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 30 to Glen Ullin Energy Center, LLC in Allete Clean Energy / Glen Ullin Energy Center, Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-343.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-78
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Minot Wind & PrairieWinds ND1
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate, filed on December 5, 2019, in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Minot Wind & PrairieWinds ND1, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-10-078.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-78
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Minot Wind & PrairieWinds ND1
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the self-guarantee, filed on December 5, 2019, in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Minot Wind & PrairieWinds ND1, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-10-078.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-105
Langdon Renewables, LLC
159.0 MW Wind Energy Center -
Langdon, ND
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the parent guarantee filed on August 29, 2019, in Langdon Renewables, LLC, 159.0 MW Wind Energy Center – Langdon, ND, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-10-105.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-326
Public Service Commission
Blue Stone Construction, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective December 2, 2019, in Public Service Commission, Blue Stone Construction, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-326.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:08 A.M.



Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN