

May 27, 2020

The Public Service Commission convened on May 27, 2020, 10:01 a.m. via teleconference under North Dakota Executive Order 2020-16 in response to the COVID-19 crisis in the United States. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann. Commissioner Kroshus authorized John Hamre to sign on his behalf, Commissioner Fedorchak authorized Shelly Bauske to sign on her behalf, and Commissioner Christmann authorized Esther Jochim-Peck to sign on his behalf.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of May 13, 2020, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-369
Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning -
Mountrail County
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute Contract No. PU-830-20 with SEH of North Dakota, LLC for construction inspection services in Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning Facility – Mountrail County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-369.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-374
Public Service Commission
Verendrye Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in Public Service Commission, Verendrye Electric Cooperative, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-374.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-191
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Deferred Accounting - COVID-19
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana Dakota Utilities Co., Deferred Accounting – COVID-19, Application, Case No. PU-20-191.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-192
Northern States Power Company
Deferred Accounting - COVID-19
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting – COVID-19, Application, Case No. PU-20-192.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-193
Otter Tail Power Company
Deferred Accounting - COVID-19
Application

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, Deferred Accounting – COVID-19, Application, Case No. PU-20-193.

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

Case No. PU-19-28
Ruso Wind Partners, LLC
Ruso Wind Project - Ward and McLean
Counties
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Request for Abeyance of Decision in Ruso Wind Partners, LLC, Ruso Wind Project – McLean and Ward Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-28 and in Ruso Wind Partners, LLC, 230 kV Transmission Line – McHenry and Ward Cntys, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-29.

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

Case No. PU-19-29
Ruso Wind Partners, LLC
230 kV Transmission Line - McHenry
and Ward Cntys
Siting Application

Case No. PU-20-194
Keith and Deanna Kessler
v. Minnesota Power, a division of
ALLETE, Inc.
Complaint

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission find the Formal Complaint filed by Keith and Deanna Kessler on April 27, 2020, states a *prima facie* case, and serve the Complaint on the Respondent in Keith and Deanna Kessler, v. Minnesota Power, a division of ALLETE, Inc., Complaint, Case No. PU-20-194.

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

Case No. AM-20-180
2020 Hettinger and Stark Counties
AML Project
Project

WITHDRAWN

Case No. AM-20-181
2020 Williams County Road 9 Phase 8
AML Project
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract with Terrecon Consultants, Inc. of West Fargo, ND, in the amount of \$885,910 for drilling and pressurized grouting for the 2020 Williams County Road 9 Phase 8 AML Project.

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

Case No. AM-20-181
2020 Williams County Road 9 Phase 8
AML Project
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract with Material Testing Services, LLC of Minot, ND in the amount of \$27,725 for material testing and associated services for the 2020 Williams County Road 9 Phase 8 Material Testing AML Project.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Note: For administrative purposes, this motion and related documents were docketed in Case No. AM-20-183, the material testing project case.

Case No. PU-20-204
Public Service Commission
Telecommunications Relay Service
Misc. Case

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission publish notice of the 2020-2021 Telecommunications Relay Service Surcharge in the daily newspapers of general circulation in the state of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Telecommunications Relay Service, Miscellaneous Case, Case No. PU-20-204.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:51 A.M.



Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN