

November 9, 2020

The Public Service Commission convened on November 9, 2020, 10:05 a.m. via teleconference under North Dakota Executive Order 2020-16 in response to the COVID-19 crisis in the United States.

Commissioners Kroshus and Christmann attended in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Commissioner Fedorchak authorized Shelly Bauske to sign on her behalf and Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary, authorized John Hamre to sign on his behalf.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of October 21 and 28, 2020 be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-366  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Phillip Porter - Kidder County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Phillip Porter - Kidder County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-20-366.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-428  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve the tariff and rates in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Cogeneration/Small Power Producer, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-20-428.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-379  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
2020 Natural Gas Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute a contract with PA Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting services in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2020 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-20-379.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-409  
Baldwin Wind, LLC / Baldwin Wind  
Energy, LLC  
Transfer - Certificate #16  
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a Filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Baldwin Wind, LLC, Transfer – Certificate #16, Siting Application, Case No. PU-20-409.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Note: Corrected Motion

Case No. AU-20-432  
Robert Penfield  
Auctioneer License  
Cancellation

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Cancelling Auctioneer License in Robert Penfield, Auctioneer License, Cancellation, Case No. AU-20-432.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-20-434  
Kenneth F. Richter, Jr.  
Auctioneer License  
Revocation

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Revoking Auctioneer License in Kenneth F. Richter, Jr., Auctioneer License, Revocation, Case No. AU-20-434.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-356  
Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
vs. Otter Tail Power Company  
Complaint

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess on Otter Tail Power Company a filing fee of \$70,000 and issue a Notice of Hearing in Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc., vs. Otter Tail Power Company, Complaint, Case No. PU-20-356.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-426  
Northern States Power Company  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery  
(2021)  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the tariff and rates filing and assess an application fee of \$10,000 in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2021), Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-20-426.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-270  
Northern Divide Wind, LLC  
200 MW Northern Divide Wind Energy  
Center - Burke  
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the revised decommissioning plan and cost estimate filed on October 16, 2020, in Northern Divide Wind, LLC, 200 MW Northern Divide Wind Energy Center – Burke County, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-20-270.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-20-431  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Revision 32, Permit NAFK-9503  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 32 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9503, held by The Falkirk Mining Company for the Falkirk Mine, to delete 9.4 acres from the permit that have not been disturbed by mining activities.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-442  
Public Service Commission  
vs. Qwest Corporation  
Show Cause

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order to Show Cause in Public Service Commission vs. Qwest Corporation, Show Cause, Case No. PU-20-442.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-425  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Four Repowered  
Wind Projects  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson, Adam Renfandt and Victor Schock as advocacy staff in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – Four Repowered Wind Projects, Application, Case No. PU-20-425.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-426  
Northern States Power Company  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery  
(2021)  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson, Adam Renfandt and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective October 15, 2020, in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2021), Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-20-426.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.

  
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Executive Secretary

  
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BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN