

February 17, 2021

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 17, 2021, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kroshus.

Minutes

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the minutes of February 3 and 9, 2021, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-85
ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.
12-Inch NGL Pipeline - McKenzie
County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed January 5, 2021, in ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C., 12-inch NGL Pipeline – McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-85.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Re-Certification

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Richard Schimke	Coteau Properties Company	09-08-312-R(4)
Kelwayne Westman	Coteau Properties Company	09-08-315-R(4)
Clark Kranz	Coteau Properties Company	09-08-316-R(4)
Tracy Mellmer	Coteau Properties Company	12-04-336-R(3)
Tracey Hauck	Coteau Properties Company	18-04-409-R(1)
Mark Hafner	Coteau Properties Company	18-04-411-R(1)
Dewey Aaseth	Coteau Properties Company	18-04-412-R(1)
Justin Lauf	Coteau Properties Company	18-04-413-R(1)

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-95
Public Service Commission
NC3, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve Advocacy Staff's request to withdraw their March 12, 2020 Complaint and close the case, in Public Service Commission, NC3, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-20-95.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-192
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Thunder Spirit Wind Project
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Request for Extension in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Thunder Spirit Wind Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-192.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-18-408
Coteau Properties Company
Permit NACT-1801
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-1801 to the Coteau Properties Company to permit 5272.142 acres at the Freedom Mine in Mercer County, in Coteau Properties Company, Permit NACT-1801, Application, PSC Case No. RC-18-408.

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

Case No. PU-19-318
Aurora Wind Project, LLC
Aurora Wind Project - Williams County
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the request of Aurora Wind Project, LLC to execute the letter of release of the construction-phase financial assurance letter of credit, and approve the operational-phase letter of credit both filed on December 22, 2020, in Aurora Wind Project, LLC, Aurora Wind Project - Williams County, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-19-318.

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

Case No. PU-20-458
BEK Communications Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in BEK Communications Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-20-458.

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

Case No. PU-21-41
Daktel Communications LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an Amended Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Daktel Communications LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-21-41.

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

Case No. PU-21-50
MLGC, LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in MLGC, LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-21-50.

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

Case No. PU-21-51
Polar Telcom, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Polar Telcom, Inc., Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-21-51.

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

Case No. PU-21-55
Halstad Telephone Company
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Halstad Telephone Company, Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-21-55.

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

Case No. PU-21-78
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-21-78

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

Case No. PU-20-96
Public Service Commission
NC3, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order and Notice of Default in Public Service Commission, NC3, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-20-96.

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

Case No. PU-21-76
Otter Tail Power Company
2021 LED Street and Area Lighting
Dusk to Dawn
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the tariff and rates, reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, 2021 LED Street and Area Lighting Dusk to Dawn, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-21-76.

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

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:11 P.M.



Executive Secretary



JULIE FEDORCHAK, CHAIR