

June 23, 2021

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kroshus.

Minutes

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the minutes of June 9, 2021, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-159  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Meter Readings Waiver  
Approval

Ms. Fedorchak: To prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19, I move the Commission approve the June 10, 2021, request to extend, from June 30, 2021, to September 30, 2021, the suspension of meter readings at locations where the electric meter is located inside an inhabited structure, and authorize estimate meter reads for those locations, Otter Tail Power Company, Meter Readings Waiver, Approval, Case No. PU-20-159.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-20-412  
Public Service Commission  
Northern States Power Company  
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Northern States Power Company, Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-20-412.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-104  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Feb. 2021 Extreme Weather Event  
Investigation

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Feb. 2021 Extreme Weather Event, Investigation, Case No. PU-21-104.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-105  
Northern States Power Company  
Feb. 2021 Extreme Weather Event  
Investigation

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, Feb. 2021 Extreme Weather Event, Investigation, Case No. PU-21-105.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-106  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Feb. 2021 Extreme Weather Event  
Investigation

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission close Otter Tail Power Company, Feb. 2021 Extreme Weather Event, Investigation, Case No. PU-21-106.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-121  
Bowman Wind, LLC  
208.7 MW Bowman Wind Project -  
Bowman County  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem complete the application for a certificate of site compatibility conditioned on receipt at least 60 days prior to the hearing of the final site layout plan and the wetland delineation report, and receipt at least 30 days prior to the hearing the updated Figures 1 through 10 of the application with the associated GIS shapefiles and all updated studies, including updated sound, shadow flicker, and telecommunications studies, and issue a Notice of Rescheduled Hearing in Bowman Wind, LLC, 208.7 MW Bowman Wind Project - Bowman County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-21-121.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-49  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
230kV Transmission Line Project -  
Mountrail County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 230kV Transmission Line Project – Mountrail County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-21-49.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-21-158  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Variance, Permit NAFK-8405  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve The Falkirk Mining Company's request for a variance to the ten-year revegetation responsibility period for 11.3 acres of reclaimed cropland located in the SW¼ of Section 22, T146N, R82W, McLean County where revegetation was delayed until stockpiles were removed and reclaimed, in Falkirk Mining Company, Variance, Permit NAFK-8405, Application, Case No. RC-21-158.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-21-225  
Coteau Properties Company  
Self-Bond and Collateral Bond  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the rider that increases the amount of Self-Bond No. SB-9501-1 and approve Collateral Bond No. CB-9501-9 that covers all permits held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine. I further move the approval of the cancellation of Collateral Bond Number CB-9501-8, in Coteau Properties Company, Self-Bond and Collateral Bond, Approval, Case No. RC-21-225.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-427  
Public Service Commission  
Enywhay Services, LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Enywhay Services, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-20-427.

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

Case No. GS-20-461  
Public Service Commission  
Liberty Midstream Solutions, LLC  
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue the Order on Notice of Probable Violation in Public Service Commission, Liberty Midstream Solutions, LLC, Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-20-461.

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

Case No. PU-20-98  
Public Service Commission  
Sun Electric, Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 15, 2021, in Public Service Commission, Sun Electric, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-20-98.

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

Case No. PU-20-249  
Public Service Commission  
Bohlman Trenching Service, Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 15, 2021, in Public Service Commission, Bohlman Trenching Service, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-20-249.

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

Case No. PU-20-368  
Public Service Commission  
Gladen Construction, Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 14, 2021, in Public Service Commission, Gladen Construction Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-20-368.

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

Case No. PU-20-340  
Public Service Commission  
Dean's Excavating  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 16, 2021, in Public Service Commission, Dean's Excavating, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-20-340.

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

SFY 2022 Salary Adjustments

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission, within appropriated budget authority, grant salary increases effective July 1, 2021 to non-probationary, permanent employees whose documented performance levels met standards as specified in the Accounting report dated June 14, 2021.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:05 P.M.

  
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Executive Secretary

  
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JULIE FEDORCHAK, CHAIR