

September 27, 2023

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of September 6 and 14, 2023, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division  
Auctioneer and Auction Clerk Update

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new auction license, which became effective during the month of August 2023.

**AUCTIONEER LICENSE**

<b>Auctioneer Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Loren M. Seifert	Pelican Rapids, MN	8/22/2023

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

State Mining and Reclamation Award  
2023 Award

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission present the 2023 North Dakota Award for Excellence in Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation to Ms. Zanna Brinkman.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-21-143  
Public Service Commission  
2021-2022 AML Sinkhole Filling  
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Case No. AM-21-143 for the 2021-2022 South and North Sinkhole Filling Projects, in Public Service Commission, 2021-2022 AML Sinkhole Filling, Project, Case No. AM-21-143.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-22-411  
Public Service Commission  
2023 Garrison Phase 6 AML  
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Case No. AM-22-411 for the 2023 Garrison Phase 6 Abandoned Mine Lands Project, in Public Service Commission, 2023 Garrison Phase 6 AML, Project, Case No. AM-22-411.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-23-310  
Public Service Commission  
2023 AML Sinkhole Filling  
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission initiate Case No. AM-23-310 for the 2023 AML Sinkhole Filling Project for reclamation of abandoned mine lands in Public Service Commission, 2023 AML Sinkhole Filling Project, Case No. AM-23-310.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-194  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
2022 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$36,559.06 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2022 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-22-194.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-22-371  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Electric Service Agreement - Applied  
Blockchain  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$7,713.14 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – Applied Blockchain, Approval, Case No. PU-22-371.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-23-153  
Public Service Commission  
Northern States Power Company  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

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Case No. PU-23-174  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Travis Benson, Eddy County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Travis Benson, Eddy County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-174.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-261  
Northern States Power Company  
2022 Power Purchase Agreement  
Costs  
Compliance

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2022 Power Purchase Agreement Costs, Compliance, Case No. PU-23-261.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-265  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Greg Rue, Eddy County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Greg Rue, Eddy County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-23-265.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-445  
OEE XXXI LLC  
Dickinson Diesel Facility Wind Project-  
Stark Cty  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee refund in the amount of \$12,000 in OEE XXXI LLC, Dickinson Diesel Facility Wind Project-Stark County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-21-445.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-268  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery  
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-23-268.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-296  
Northern States Power Company  
Franchise Fee – City of Fargo –  
Electric  
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Franchise Fee - City of Fargo - Electric, Rates, Case No. PU-23-296.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

After discussion, the Commission unanimously agreed to withdraw the motion. No action taken.

Case No. PU-23-307  
Northern States Power Company  
Service Reconnection Charge &  
Manual Meter Reading  
Tariff and Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: 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 Northern States Power Company, Service Reconnection Charge & Manual Meter Reading, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-23-307

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-23-153  
Public Service Commission  
Northern States Power Company  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Northern States Power Company, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. DM-23-153.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-297  
Northern States Power Company  
Franchise Fee – City of Fargo – Gas  
Rates

Withdrawn

ATTEST

  
Executive Secretary

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:49 A.M.

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR