

October 11, 2023

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 11, 2023, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of September 27, 2023, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-23-73
Public Service Commission
2023 Exploratory Drilling AML
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Case No. AM-23-73 for the 2023 Exploratory Drilling Abandoned Mine Lands Project, in Public Service Commission, 2023 Exploratory Drilling AML, Project, Case No. AM-23-73.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Blaster Certification
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve blaster certification for the following applicant:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Joshua Boyko	Specialized Blasting Services	23-09-447

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-314
BullsEye Telecom, Inc.
Cancel Certificate of Registration
Cancellation / Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission cancel Certificates of Registration 975 and 976 in BullsEye Telecom, Inc., Cancel Certificate of Registration, Cancellation / Application, Case No. PU-23-314.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-168
LTD Broadband LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in LTD Broadband LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-21-168.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-278
Boomerang Wireless, LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier - Partial
Relinquish
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Boomerang Wireless, LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier – Partial Relinquish, Application, Case No. PU-23-278.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Coal Regulatory and AML Programs
2023 OSM Evaluation Reports

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission accept the federal Office of Surface Mining's 2023 Evaluation Reports for the Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Lands Programs.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-306
Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2024)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2024), Rates, Case No. PU-23-306.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-315
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2024)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2024), Rates, Case No. PU-23-315.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-66
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence - Astoria Fuel
Inventory System
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence – Astoria Fuel Inventory System, Application, Case No. PU-23-66.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-252
Otter Tail Power Company
Ashtabula I Wind Upgrade Project -
Barnes Cnty
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Ashtabula I Wind Upgrade Project - Barnes Cnty, Case No. PU-23-252.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-313
Rugby Wind LLC
Rugby Wind Farm – Pierce County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Rugby Wind LLC, Rugby Wind Farm - Pierce County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-313.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-252
Otter Tail Power Company
Ashtabula I Wind Upgrade Project -
Barnes Cnty
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I rescind the previously approved motion to approve the Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Ashtabula I Wind Upgrade Project - Barnes Cnty, Case No. PU-23-252.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:09 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR