

December 18, 2024

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 18, 2024, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of December 4 and 12, 2024, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification/Re-Certification Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve blaster certification and re-certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Steven Gierke	Falkirk Mine	24-11-457
Chris Heins	Falkirk Mine	24-11-458
Terrell Schuh	Falkirk Mine	24-11-459
Nathan Renford	Falkirk Mine	24-11-460
Thomas Kellen	Falkirk Mine	24-11-461
Christopher Lutz	Falkirk Mine	24-11-462
Bernell T. Heid	Falkirk Mine	99-10-232-R(8)
Shane S. Berg	Falkirk Mine	07-11-298-R(6)
Jeremiah Hruby	Falkirk Mine	10-02-323-R(5)
Corey Hager	Falkirk Mine	21-12-430-R(1)

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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee final refund in the amount of \$56,918.83 in Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence – Astoria Fuel Inventory System, Application, Case No., PU-23-66.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-322
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement - Applied
Digital
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission rescind the August 28, 2024, Commission Motion, and issue a corrected application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,372.13 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – Applied Digital, Approval, Case No. PU-23-322.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-376
Northern States Power Company
2025 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the tariffs and rates in Northern States Power Company, 2025 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-24-376.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-341
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
(2025)
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2025), Rates, Case No. PU-24-341.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-185
Oliver Wind IV, LLC
200 MW Oliver Wind IV Energy
Center–Oliver County
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the parent guarantee filed on December 11, 2024, in Oliver Wind IV, LLC, 200 MW Oliver Wind IV Energy Center - Oliver County, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-24-185.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-86
Otter Tail Power Company
Amend - Langdon Wind Upgrade
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$24,931.60 in Otter Tail Power Company, Amend – Langdon Wind Upgrade, Siting Application, Case No. PU-23-86.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-341
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
2023 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the compliance rate schedules and interim rate refund plan filed in compliance with the Commission's Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2023 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-23-341.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-24-261
Falkirk Mining Company
Revision 44, Permit NAFK-8405
Application

Withdrawn

Case No. DM-23-270
Public Service Commission
Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Numbers DM 23-270 and DM-24-234.

Case No. DM-24-234
Public Service Commission
Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-307
Otter Tail Power Company
Metering & Distribution Tech Cost
Recovery Rider
Tariff and Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Metering & Distribution Tech Cost Recovery Rider, Tariff & Rates, Case No. PU-24-307.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-336
Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2025)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2025), Rates, Case No. PU-24-336.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-341
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
(2025)
Rates

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Case No. PU-24-349
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2025)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2025), Rates, Case No. PU-24-349.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-362
Northern States Power Company
BCR Refunds
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, BCR Refunds, Application, Case No. PU-24-362.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Sixty-ninth Legislative Session (2025)
Prefiling of Bill Drafts

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the prefiling of bill drafts by the General Counsel to Legislative Council for the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

2025 – 2027 Proposed Indirect
Cost Rate Submission

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the submission of the 2025 – 2027 proposed indirect cost rate to the U.S. Department of Interior for review. The Commission further authorizes the Executive Director or designee to negotiate the indirect cost rate proposal to determine a final rate.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:58 A.M.



Executive Secretary



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR