

December 30, 2024

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann and Haugen-Hoffart. Commissioner Fedorchak participated by telephone and authorized Stacy Eberl to sign on her behalf.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of December 18, 2024, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-09-244
Otter Tail Power Company
40.5 MW Langdon Wind - Cavalier Cty
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the updated decommissioning plan, cost estimate, and self-guarantee filed on November 11, 2024, in Otter Tail Power Company, 40.5 MW Langdon Wind – Cavalier Cty., Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-09-244; approve the updated decommissioning plan, cost estimate, and self-guarantee filed on November 11, 2024, in Otter Tail Power Company, 48 MW Ashtabula Wind – Barnes Cty., Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-09-245; and approve the updated decommissioning plan, cost estimate, and self-guarantee filed on November 11, 2024, in Otter Tail Power Company, 49.5 MW Luverne Wind Farm (Ashtabula II) – Griggs, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-18-343.

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49.5 MW Luverne Wind Farm
(Ashtabula II) - Griggs
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-24-244
Coyote Creek Mining Company, L.L.C.
Revision 13, Permit NACC-1302
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Coyote Creek Mining Company, L.L.C., Revision 13 and Renewal 2, Permit NACC-1302, Application, Case No. RC-24-244 and Case No. RC-24-245.

Case No. RC-24-245
Coyote Creek Mining Company, L.L.C.
Renewal 2, Permit NACC-1302
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision 44 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 held by Falkirk Mining Company for the Falkirk Mine to revise the mining plans for the N½ of Section 1 and the SW¼ of Section 3 and add mining plans for a pit cessation in the S½ of Section 2, T146N, R82W, and update other operation and reclamation plans as provided in Revision 44, in Falkirk Mining Company, Revision 44, Permit NAFK-8405, Application, Case No. RC-24-261.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-23-342
Otter Tail Power Company
2023 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Otter Tail Power Company, 2023 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-23-342.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-378
Northern States Power Company
Deferred Accounting - PIIC
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting - PIIC, Application, Case No. PU-24-378.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-379
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement-Dakota
Prairie Refining
Approval

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – Dakota Prairie Refining, Approval, Case No. PU-24-379.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-380
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement - Tesoro
Refining Amend
Approval

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Electric Service Agreement – Tesoro Refining Amend, Approval, Case No. PU-24-380.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Proposed Changes
Policy Memorandum No. 16
Approval and Formal Adoption

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve and formally adopt the changes proposed to Policy Memorandum No. 16 for reclamation cost estimating guidelines.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 9:39 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR