

November 19, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of November 6, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-178  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
2024 Electric  
Annual Report

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2024 Electric, Annual Report, Case No. PU-25-178.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-279  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery  
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the application fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-25-279.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-280  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Generation Resource Cost Recovery  
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-25-280.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-21-383  
Coteau Properties Company  
Bond Release 2, Permit NACT-9501  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Bond Release 2 for Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9501, held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to release all reclamation liabilities on 162.5 acres of land located in portions of Sections 15 and 16, T146N, R88W, Mercer County, effective December 19, 2025, unless a formal hearing is requested, in Coteau Properties Company, Bond Release 2, Permit NACT-9501, Application, Case No. RC-21-383.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-281  
LTE Wireless Inc.  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in LTE Wireless Inc., Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-25-281.

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

Case No. PU-25-285  
BEK Communications Cooperative  
Valley City Exchange  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, I move the Commission consolidate these cases for hearing under North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-04-04 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing in BEK Communications Cooperative, Valley City Exchange, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-285, and BEK Communications Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-25-286.

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

Case No. PU-25-286  
BEK Communications Cooperative  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application

Case No. PU-25-180  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
2024 Earnings Sharing Refund Plan  
Approval

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2024 Earnings Sharing Refund Plan, Approval, Case No. PU-25-180.

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

Case No. PU-25-257  
Northern States Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery  
(2026)  
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2026), Rates, Case No. PU-25-257.

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

Case No. PU-25-236  
Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-  
Dakota Utilities  
345kV JETx Transmission Line  
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission deem complete the combined application for a corridor certificate and route permit and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearings in Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 345kV JETx Transmission Line, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-236.

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

Case No. PU-25-236  
Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-  
Dakota Utilities  
345kV JETx Transmission Line  
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission issue a  
Notice of Technical Hearings in Otter Tail Power  
Company/Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 345kV JETx  
Transmission Line, Siting Application, Case No.  
PU-25-236.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-278  
Badger Wind, LLC / Montana-Dakota  
Utilities Co.  
Partial Transfer of Site Certificate  
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission issue a  
Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Badger Wind, LLC /  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Partial Transfer of Site  
Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-278.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:35 A.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR