

December 17, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of December 3, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-345  
Badger Wind, LLC  
251.6 MW Badger Wind Project -  
Logan & McIntosh  
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

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Case No. DM-25-25  
Public Service Commission  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. DM-25-25.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-244  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Andrew Johnson - Morton County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Andrew Johnson – Morton County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-244.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-250  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Chris Nicholson - Emmons County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Chris Nicholson - Emmons County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-250.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-263  
Otter Tail Power Company  
DSA Capture Company, LLC -  
Spiritwood Energy Park  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, DSA Capture Company, LLC – Spiritwood Energy Park, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-263.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-147  
Bowman Wind, LLC  
Bowman Wind Project - Bowman  
County  
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

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Case No. PU-25-276  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer  
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the rates in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Cogeneration/Small Power Producer, Rates, Case No. PU-25-276.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-175  
Northern States Power Company  
2024 Gas  
Annual Report

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close the proceeding in Northern States Power Company, 2024 Gas, Annual Report, Case No. PU-25-175.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-179  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
2024 Gas  
Annual Report

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close the proceeding in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2024 Gas, Annual Report, Case No. PU-25-179.

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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order 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."

Case No. DM-24-391  
Public Service Commission  
Safe Dig Services, LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Safe Dig Services, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Number DM 24-391.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-203  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Thermal Market Energy Pricing Rider  
Tariff and Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Thermal Market Energy Pricing Rider, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-25-203.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-232  
Otter Tail Power Company  
AMDT Cost Recovery 2026  
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, AMDT Cost Recovery 2026, Rates, Case No. PU-25-232.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-248  
Northern States Power Company  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery  
(2026)  
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2026), Rates, Case No. PU-25-248.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-290  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Administrative Tariff Changes in Rate  
Schedules  
Tariff and Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the tariff and rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Administrative Tariff Changes in Rate Schedules, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-25-290.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-345  
Badger Wind, LLC  
251.6 MW Badger Wind Project -  
Logan & McIntosh  
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission approve the Decommissioning Plan and the request to execute the letter of credit filed on November 26, 2025, in Badger Wind, LLC, 251.6 MW Badger Wind Project-Logan & McIntosh, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-24-345.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-147  
Bowman Wind, LLC  
Bowman Wind Project - Bowman  
County  
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission approve the decommissioning plan and cost estimate filed on December 2, 2025, and approve the request to execute the rider to cover the operational phase of the decommissioning financial assurance filed on December 9, 2025, in Bowman Wind, LLC, Bowman Wind Project - Bowman County, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-25-147.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Executive Secretary/Director  
Appointment

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the offer to and acceptance of Brian Johnson to fill Position No. 4998, Executive Secretary/Director effective January 1, 2026, under the terms specified in the November 26, 2025, written offer of employment and appoint Brian Johnson Executive Secretary/Director.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:58 A.M.



Executive Secretary



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RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR