

October 23, 2025

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of October 9, 2025, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-261
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Wind Farm Station Service - Wishek,
ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Wind Farm Station Service – Wishek, ND, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-25-261.

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 issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing 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."

Coal Regulatory and AML Programs
2025 OSM Evaluation Reports

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission accept the federal Office of Surface Mining's 2025 Evaluation Reports for the Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Lands Programs.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-169
Leonardite Products LLC
Revision 12, Permit GRGR-0501
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission conditionally approve Revision 12 to Surface Coal Mining Permit GRGR-0501 held by Leonardite Products LLC for the Stony Creek Mine, to identify the next five-year commercial leonardite removal areas and update the legal, environmental resources, operation, and reclamation permit sections for the next five-year permit term in Leonardite Products LLC, Revision 12, Permit GRGR-0501, Application, Case No. RC-25-169.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-170
Leonardite Products LLC
Renewal 4, Permit GRGR-0501
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit GRGR-0501 held by Leonardite Products LLC for the Stony Creek Mine, to extend the permit term on the existing permit area for the next five years, until November 2, 2030, in Leonardite Products LLC, Renewal 4, Permit GRGR-0501, Application, Case No. RC-25-170.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-25-267
Public Service Commission
2026 Exploratory Drilling AML
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission initiate Case No. AM-25-267 for the 2026 Exploratory Drilling AML Project for reclamation of abandoned mine lands in Public Service Commission, 2026 Exploratory Drilling AML, Project, Case No. AM-25-267.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-25-268
Public Service Commission
2026 New Salem AML
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission initiate Case No. AM-25-268 for the 2026 New Salem AML Project for reclamation of abandoned mine lands in Public Service Commission, 2026 New Salem AML, Project, Case No. AM-25-268.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-25-269
Public Service Commission
2026 Hettinger County Phase II AML
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission initiate Case No. AM-25-269 for the 2026 Hettinger County Phase II AML Project for reclamation of abandoned mine lands in Public Service Commission, 2026 Hettinger County Phase II AML, Project, Case No. AM-25-269.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-342
Northern States Power Company
Application to Amend Order
Application

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Application to Amend Order, Application, Case No. PU-24-342.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-225
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-25-225.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-266
Otter Tail Power Company
Meter Testing Rule Waiver Extension
Approval

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission issue
a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power
Company, Meter Testing Rule Waiver Extension,
Approval, Case No. PU-25-266.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:33 A.M.



Executive Secretary



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR