

March 5, 2026

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 5, 2026, 1:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of February 18, 2026, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Re-Certification
Approval

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

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Rod Zeien	Falkirk Mine	02-11-262-R(8)
Jeremy Germain	Falkirk Mine	23-02-444-R(1)
Travis Lennie	Falkirk Mine	23-02-445-R(1)
Trevor Knudson	Falkirk Mine	23-10-452-R(1)
Jeff Enzminger	Falkirk Mine	23-10-453-R(1)

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-24-372
Public Service Commission
Chris Glenn
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Chris Glenn, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Numbers DM-24-372 and DM-24-373.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-24-373
Public Service Commission
Chris Glenn
Damage Prevention Enforcement

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

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the request of Badger Wind, LLC to execute the letter of release of the construction-phase financial assurance letter of credit and approve the operational-phase letter of credit both filed on February 4, 2026, in Badger Wind, LLC, 251.6 MW Badger Wind Project - Logan & McIntosh, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-24-345.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-241
Falkirk Mining Company
Revision 45, Permit NAFK-8405
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision 45 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 held by the Falkirk Mining Company, to identify the next five-year coal removal areas and update mining and reclamation plans and other sections of the permit for the next permit term in Falkirk Mining Company, Revision 45, Permit NAFK-8405, Application, Case No. RC-25-241.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-242
Falkirk Mining Company
Renewal 8, Permit NAFK-8405
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal 8 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405, held by the Falkirk Mining Company for the Falkirk Mine, to extend the permit term on the existing permit area for another five years, until April 15, 2031, in Falkirk Mining Company, Renewal 8, Permit NAFK-8405, Application, Case No. RC-25-242.

Ms. Kringstad: 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: I move the Commission adopt the Order 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. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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

Case No. DM-25-65
Public Service Commission
Elite Oilfield Services LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Elite Oilfield Services LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Number DM 25-65.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-304
Minnesota Power
202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project -
Morton Cty
Siting Application

Case No. PU-25-305
Minnesota Power
Longspur Wind 230kV Trans Ln -
Morton & Mercer Cty
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: 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 or fact, I move the Commission consolidate for hearing, under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04, and issue a Notice of Filings and Notice of Consolidated Public Hearing in Minnesota Power, 202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project - Morton Cty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-304, and Minnesota Power, Longspur Wind 230kV Trans Ln - Morton & Mercer Cty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-305.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 2:19 P.M.



Executive Secretary



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR