

April 29, 2026

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 29, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of April 15, 2026, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-247  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Bond Release 7, Permit NAFK-9601  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Bond Release No. 7 for Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601, held by the Falkirk Mining Company for the Falkirk Mine, to release all reclamation liabilities on 285.28 acres of land located in portions of Sections 25 and 36, T146N, R82W, and Section 31, T146N, R81W, McLean County. The amount of the bond release is \$421,656.47, effective May 29, 2026, unless a formal hearing is requested, in Falkirk Mining Company, Bond Release 7, Permit NAFK-9601, Application, Case No. RC-25-247.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-25-260  
Public Service Commission  
Aux Sable Midstream LLC  
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Notice of Probable Violation in Public Service Commission, Aux Sable Midstream LLC, Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-25-260.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-98  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Tariff Updates  
Tariff and Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission reduce the application fee to \$10,000, suspend the rates, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Tariff Updates, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-26-98.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-22  
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.  
Agassiz Transmission Line &  
Substation - Cass Cty  
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., Agassiz Transmission Line & Substation - Cass Cty, Siting Application, Case No. PU-26-22.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Proposed Changes  
Memorandum of Understanding with  
the Department of Water Resources  
Approval and Formal Adoption

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve  
and formally adopt the proposed memorandum of  
understanding between the Commission and the  
Department of Water Resources.

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


Public Service Commission  
Policy Manual  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the  
revised Public Service Commission Policy Manual dated  
April 29, 2026.

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

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:47 A.M.

  
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Executive Secretary

  
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RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR