

September 23, 2026

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 23, 2026, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of September 9, 2026, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-25-230
Public Service Commission
H & H Fencing LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, H & H Fencing LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. DM-25-230.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-211
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Badger Wind Project
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the financial assurance guaranty for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s 49 percent ownership share of the Badger Wind Project in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Badger Wind Project, Decommissioning Plan and Cost, Case No. PU-26-211.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-215
Otter Tail Power Company
Tiered Large General Service
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Intervention and Admission Pro Hac Vice in Otter Tail Power Company, Tiered Large General Service, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-26-215.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-303
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
345kV Line Structure 602 - Stutsman
County
Siting Exclusion Certification

Mr. Christmann: Based upon a determination that the project does not affect critical habitat for the Dakota Skipper by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the fact that Minnkota's easement for the project predates the area's inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System, I move the Commission approve the request to impact the avoidance area in Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., 345kV Line Structure 602 – Stutsman County, Siting Exclusion Certification, Case No. PU-26-303.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-184
Falkirk Mining Company
Revision 42, Permit NAFK-8705
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision 42 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8705 held by the Falkirk Mining Company for the Falkirk Mine to update the timing of mining and revise the post-mining topography for a large portion of the unmined areas within the permit. The revision updates other operation and reclamation plans as provided in Revision 42, Falkirk Mining Company, Revision 42, Permit NAFK-8705, Application, Case No. RC-25-184.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-22-28
Public Service Commission
Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation
Operations
Rulemaking

Mr. Christmann: Having received approval from the Attorney General and the federal Office of Surface Mining, I move the Commission adopt proposed amendments to Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and forward them on to the Legislative Council for publication, in Public Service Commission, Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations, Rulemaking, Case No. RC-22-28.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-15
Public Service Commission
USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314
(2027)
Compliance

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Certifying use of Federal Universal Services Support in Public Service Commission, USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2027), Compliance, Case No. PU-26-15.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-26-232
Public Service Commission
Xcel Energy Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Xcel Energy Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case Numbers DM-26-232 and DM-26-233.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. DM-26-233
Public Service Commission
Xcel Energy Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:47 A.M.



Executive Secretary



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR