October 21, 2026

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of October 6, 2026, be approved.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification/Re-Certification Approval

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

Applicant	**Affiliation**	**Certificate No.**
Francis Basson	Freedom Mine	26-10-473
Richard Schimke	Freedom Mine	09-08-312R(6)
Kelwayne Westman	Freedom Mine	09-08-315R(6)
Justin Lauf	Freedom Mine	18-04-413R(3)
Steven Abrahamson	Freedom Mine	23-10-448R(1)
Jayson Bumbalough	Freedom Mine	23-10-449R(1)
Adam Phillipe	Freedom Mine	23-10-450R(1)
Casey Renner	Freedom Mine	23-10-451R(1)
Coleman Fredericks	Freedom Mine	24-02-455R(1)

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-295
Consolidated Telcom / RTC Networks
Exchange Boundary
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission bill RTC Networks $259.06 for costs incurred to date in Consolidated Telcom / RTC Networks, Exchange Boundary, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-295.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-295
Consolidated Telcom / RTC Networks
Exchange Boundary
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission bill Consolidated Telcom $259.05 for costs incurred to date in Consolidated Telcom / RTC Networks, Exchange Boundary, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-295.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-190
Red River Rural Telephone Association
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission bill Red River Rural Telephone Association $387.10 for costs incurred to date in Red River Rural Telephone Association, Designated Eligible Carrer, Application, Case No. PU-25-190.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-351
Flickertail Solar Project, LLC
Flickertail Solar Project - Richland County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed on September 11, 2026, in Flickertail Solar Project, LLC, Flickertail Solar Project – Richland County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-24-351.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-320
Tempo Telecom, LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier - Relinquish
Cancellation / Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Comment in Tempo Telecom, LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier - Relinquish, Cancellation / Application, Case No. PU-26-320.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-294
Otter Tail Power Company
AMDT Cost Recovery 2027
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, AMDT Cost Recovery 2027, Rates, Case No. PU-26-294.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-310
Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2027)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rate, reduce the application fee to $10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery 2027, Rates, Case No. PU-26-310.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-318
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2027)
Rates

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I move the Commission suspend the rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2027), Rates, Case No. PU-26-318.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:23 A.M.

Executive Secretary

RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR