October 6, 2026

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 6, 2026, 9:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of September 23, 2026, be approved.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-384
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Glen Ullin Town Border Station Expansion – Morton
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission reduce the application fee to $238.50 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Glen Ullin Town Border Station Expansion - Morton, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-384.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-24-385
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
WBI Energy Expansion - Morton County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission reduce the application fee to $265.00 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., WBI Energy Expansion – Morton County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-24-385.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-83
Hiland Crude, LLC
Gullickson Reroute Pipeline Project
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed September 1, 2026, in Hiland Crude, LLC, Gullickson Reroute Pipeline Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-83.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-25-84
Hiland Crude, LLC
Hiland Express Spine Pipeline Project
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed September 22, 2026, in Hiland Crude, LLC, Hiland Express Spine Pipeline Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-25-84.
Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-25-258
BNI Coal, Ltd.
Revision 13, BNCR-1101
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision 13 to Surface Coal Mining Permit BNCR-1101 held by BNI Coal, Ltd., to revise the transportation, surface water management, and reclamation plans in response to the Oliver County Commission's approval of the overpass design plans for 37th Ave SW between Section 13 and Section 14, T141N, R84W. The revision also updates other operation and reclamation plans as provided in BNI Coal, Ltd., Revision 13, Permit BNCR-1101, Application, Case No. RC-25-258.
Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-213
Badger Communications LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Badger Communications LLC, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-26-213.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-314
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility 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, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2027), Rates, Case No. PU-26-314.

Ms. Kringstad: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-26-285
Dakota Gasification Company / Basin Electric
Transfer of Cert. of Corridor & Route Permit
Siting Application

Ms. Kringstad: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Dakota Gasification Company / Basin Electric, Transfer of Cert. of Corridor & Route Permit, Siting Application, Case No. PU-26-285.

Ms. Haugen-Hoffart: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 9:23 A.M.

Executive Secretary

RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIR