

Chairman Rod Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Gerald Vap present. Chairman Johnson invited the public to address the Commission and announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room. No announcements were made.

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published March 6, 2012 on Page 5 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on March 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

#### Tuesday, March 13, 2012:

C-4437      Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.  
1:30      In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the surcharge for the statewide Telecommunications Relay System (TRS) to be effective July, 1, 2012, in the State of Nebraska. Commission Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

#### Thursday, March 15, 2012:

NG-0067      Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Jerry Vap  
2:00      presiding as Hearing Officer. Pre-hearing Conference  
Call in Number: 1-888-820-1398, Access Code 4207969#  
In the Matter of SourceGas Distribution LLC, Lakewood,  
Colorado, seeking approval of a general rate increase.

#### Monday, March 19, 2012 through Friday, March 23, 2012:

NG-0067      Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Jerry Vap  
10:00      presiding as Hearing Officer. All hearings will begin at  
10:00 a.m. except for March 20 which will begin at 1:30p.m.  
In the Matter of SourceGas Distribution LLC, Lakewood,  
Colorado, seeking approval of a general rate increase.

#### COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

TRS-12      In the Matter of Gene Hand, Director, Communications  
Department, of the Nebraska Public Service Commission,  
Complainant, v. NE Colorado Cellular, Inc. (Viaero), Ft. Morgan,  
Colorado, Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded  
by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order dismissing the com-  
plaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Jerry Vap, Rod Johnson, Frank  
Landis, Tim Schram, and Anne Boyle voting AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Gene Hand reported that the 2012 Broadband Connecting Nebraska Conference will be held in Lincoln on October 2, 2012. The featured speaker will be Vint Cerf, Google Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist.

Gene Hand updated the Commission on the progress of collecting 5<sup>th</sup> round Broadband Mapping data.

Gene Hand reported that both the proposed local residential rate increases of Wauneta Telephone Company and Hartman Telephone Company have been objected to by enough customers to trigger a Commission review. Commissioner Jerry Vap was appointed as Hearing Officer for both dockets:

C-4451 In the Matter of Wauneta Telephone Company, Benkelman, seeking a residential rate increase:

C-4452 In the Matter of Hartman Telephone Company, Benkelman, seeking a residential rate increase:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

911-033.13 In the Matter of Sue Vanicek, Director of the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. STI Prepaid, LLC, Inc., Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NUSF-37. 264 In the Matter of Sue Vanicek, Director of the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. McGraw Communications, Inc., Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order dismissing complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Sue Vanicek discussed the NUSF Late-Filed Carrier Remittances: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap to amend the current complaint against STI Prepaid and that late fees be levied against Frontier Communications of America and Citizens Telecommunications Co of Nebraska. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0071 In the Matter of gas supply cost adjustment schedules implemented by NorthWestern Corporation, D/B/A NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1854*: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order opening the docket, initiating review and issuing a Notice of Assessment and Protective Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE. Commissioner Rod Johnson was appointed hearing officer.

NG-0067 In the Matter of SourceGas Distribution LLC, Lakewood, Colorado, seeking approval of a general rate increase. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: Angela Melton discussed an order entered on March 9, 2012, by the Hearing Officer releasing a list of issues and seeking comment.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1755 In the Matter of Omaha Opportunities Industrialization Center, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers who are the clientele of Omaha Opportunities Industrialization Center in open class service between points in Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order dismissing the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Rate Division

MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to establish a fuel surcharge in Nebraska Official Goods Tariff 7F and Tariff 22: The Tariff 7F fuel surcharge was retained at \$1.14 per mile and the Tariff 22 fuel surcharge at \$7.92 per truck per trip.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Anne Boyle present not voting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Attorney General	\$	5,444.00
AS Central Services		705.19
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ESRI		9,400.00
Hurlbert CPA LLC		8,572.01
Voyager		2,107.72
West		1,029.48

NEBRASKA EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

A.G.N. Sales	\$	615.70
Alternative Hearing		1,785.00
Amplified Phone Services		379.60
B. Hear		2,655.10
Beltone		823.70
Complete Hearing Solutions		685.95
Glassman's Hearing Aid Services		903.00
Grand Island Hearing Aid		422.50
Harris Communications		60.00
Hearing Aid Center of Columbus		179.90
Carl A. Johnson		327.62
Professional Hearing Aid Services		1,412.88
Sprint Communications		399.99
Teltex, Inc.		1,465.56
Weitbrecht Communications		815.06
Western ENT Associates		199.95
White's Hearing Aid Specialist		134.95

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Commission minutes for February. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to authorize Commissioner Anne Boyle for same-day travel on March 15, 2012 to Kansas City, Missouri, to view the 311 system in operation with expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to authorize Commissioner Anne Boyle to travel to and attend the CTIA Wireless 2012 Conference to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, from May 8-10, 2012 with most expenses to be paid by CTIA. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to authorize Commissioner Tim Schram to travel to and attend the Telecommunications Relay System (TRS) Advisory Council Meeting to be held in Washington, DC on April 17-18, 2012 with all expenses to be paid by the TRS Advisory Council. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram, and Gerald Vap present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2012.

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Executive Director