

Chairman Rod Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram present, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused. 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 13, 2012 on Page 6 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on March 20, 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 20, 2012:

C-4437 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.
9:30 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.

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 through Wednesday, March 21, 2012:

NG-0067 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Jerry Vap
1:30 presiding as Hearing Officer. NOTE: The hearing on Wednesday will all begin at 10:00. In the Matter of SourceGas Distribution LLC, Lakewood, Colorado, seeking approval of a general rate increase.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter orders granting applications AD-531r, AD-532r and AD-533r. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

AD-531r In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Central Public Affairs, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Denver, Colorado.

AD-532r In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Central Public Affairs, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Las Vegas, Nevada.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

AD-533r In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Central Public Affairs, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Dallas, Texas.

C-2831/
NUSF-51/
PI-67 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate telecommunications infrastructure development in Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order closing the docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

C-4317/
PI-175 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate a network service outage in CenturyLink's service area and to resolve any remaining network reliability issues. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank, to enter an order closing the docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter protective and planning conference orders in Dockets C-4451 and C-4452 scheduling a hearing for May 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at Weeth Theatre, Tipton Hall, McCook Community College, 402 East M Street, McCook. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer.

C-4451 In the Matter of Wauneta Telephone Company, Benkelman, seeking a basic local rate increase.

C-4452 In the Matter of Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc., Benkelman, seeking a basic local rate increase.

E-2305 In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Boone County: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

Gene Hand reported on the status of the 5th round data to be submitted to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) by April 1, 2012, and the Broadband webinar scheduled for May 16, 2012, addressing Community Anchor Institutions and public broadband feedback using the website.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

NUSF-37.257 In the Matter of Sue Vanicek, Director of the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Voicecom Telecommunications, Respondent(s): Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

NUSF-51/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
C-2831/ its own motion, seeking to investigate telecommunications
PI-67 infrastructure development in Nebraska: This matter was
addressed under the Communications' Department agenda.

Sue Vanicek discussed the following federal dockets. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve comments on the Petition for Waiver and Clarification of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline Reform Order to be filed by March 20, 2012. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

WC 11-42 Lifeline and Link-up Reform and Modernization.
WC 03-109 Lifeline and Link-Up.
CC 96-45 Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.
WC 12-23 Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training:

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0066 In the Matter of gas supply cost adjustment schedules
CA-008 implemented by Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company,
HS-004 LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Omaha, pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1854*. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter Assessment Orders CA-008 and HS-004. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

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: Laura Demman discussed an order entered by the Hearing Officer on March 16, 2012, on Prehearing Motions, Releasing a Revised List of Issues, and scheduling an Oral Argument for March 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, on the Public Advocate's Motion to Dismiss the Application and Motion to Dismiss with respect to Rate Case Expenses. The Oral Argument will take place prior to the start of the public hearing on this matter.

LEGISLATIVE

Angela Melton discussed pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1619 In the Matter of Kincaid Coach Lines, Inc., Lincoln, seeking a suspension of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Application B-1619 until March 1, 2013: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order suspending its certificate until March 1, 2013. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

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 increased to \$1.16 per mile and the Tariff 22 fuel surcharge to \$8.12 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, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

Holiday Inn-Norfolk	\$	576.95
Sprint Relay		59,579.75

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to move the October 2, 2012 Commission meeting to October 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram present, and Commissioners Anne Boyle and Jerry Vap excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 27, 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 26, 2012.

Chairman

Executive Director