

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

Notice was duly published September 26, 2017 on Page 3 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on October 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chairman Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Tim Schram present and Commissioners Crystal Rhoades and Mary Ridder excused. Chairman Schram stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received. Chairman Schram announced that Nichole Mulcahy has been made the Director of the Natural Gas Department and that Kirk Weber has been hired as the Commission's new Housing Engineer.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Thursday, October 5, 2017:

10:30 North Platte City Hall Council Chambers,
211 West 3rd Street,
North Platte, Nebraska
911-067/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
PI-208 its own motion, seeking to implement provisions of LB 938
[2016] and to plan, implement, coordinate, fund, deploy,
manage and maintain a plan for the 911 service system:
Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4946/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
PI-209 its own motion, to investigate service outages and possible
modification to the Commission's service outage reporting
requirements: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order opening the investigation
and setting a workshop on October 24, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the
Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Frank Landis and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners
Mary Ridder and Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

AD-641 In the Matter of the Application of CISUSA, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to connect an automatic dialing-announcing device. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, 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 Mary Ridder and Crystal Rhoades excused not voting. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades entered the Commission Meeting at 10:05 a.m.

TRS-19 Cullen Robbins, Director of the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. DishNet Wireline, LLC, Respondent(s): Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

Steve Stovall reported on the National Association for State Relay Administration (NASRA) Conference he attended September 7, 2017 through September 10, 2017.

Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the telecommunications complaints and outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month.

Telephone Company	Affected Area	Number of Access Lines	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration in hours	Cause Primary	Cause Secondary	Comments
CenturyLink QC	Gretna	219	9/12/2017	9/12/2017	6	Cable Cut	Public	Backhoe cut cable
CenturyLink QC	Crawford	1	9/15/2017	9/15/2017	2	Damaged Cable		Corroded terminal repaired by technician
CenturyLink QC	Morrill	487	9/30/2017	9/30/2017	2	Equipment	Equipment	Repaired and tech moved the transfer

NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-1, PO #5 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund; and

NUSF-1, PO #7 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to accept the deviation in NUSF payment audit language, accepting the Agreed Upon Procedure language as presented by Consolidated Telco, Inc., Consolidated Telecom, Inc., Consolidated Telephone Company and Curtis Telephone Company in NUSF-1, PO #5 and, accept the deviation in NUSF remittance audit language, accepting the Agreed Upon Procedure language as presented by Curtis Telephone Company in NUSF-1, PO #7. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

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NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (Cont.)

NUSF-92.48 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program: Application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from: N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting an extension request to complete wireless projects. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to grant Peerless Network's request for a one-time waiver of the previously levied late-fee. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0092 In the Matter of nTherm, LLC, Denver, Colorado, seeking authority for a Competitive Natural Gas Provider Certificate in the State of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

NG-0093 In the Matter of Black Hills Energy/Nebraska Gas Utility, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Papillion, Nebraska, seeking Approval of Certain Accounting and Regulatory Treatment of a Regulatory Asset Comprised of Increased Location Costs due to a Fiber Optics Project in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Other Specified Relief: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter a Notice of Assessment Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

E-2428 In the Matter of the Application of Fremont Department of Utilities, Fremont, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Dodge County, Nebraska; and

E-2441 In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Lancaster County: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting authority for Docket Numbers E-2428 and E-2441. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1956 In the Matter of Lunjini Medical Transportation, LLC, LaVista, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by SUV in open class between points in Douglas and Sarpy Counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order dismissing the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-408 In the Matter of Farmers Grain and Livestock Company, Hadar, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on the extension of grain warehouse license to December 31, 2017.

GW-666 In the Matter of Crossroads Cooperative Association, Sidney, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on shortage of Corn, Milo, and Millet(CWT.).

Grain Dealer Division

GD-2968 In the Matter of Organic Producers Iowa Nebraska South Dakota Cooperative, North Bend, Nebraska: John Fecht discussed a request to cancel grain dealer license effective September 28, 2017.

GD-2996 In the Matter of CPI-Lansing, LLC, Overland Park, Kansas: John Fecht discussed a request to cancel grain dealer license effective September 29, 2017.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Schram invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, 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, Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Crystal Rhoades	\$	653.29
Mary Ridder		793.94
Mary Ridder		700.98
Tim Schram		654.84

The following invoices were paid between September 26, 2017 and September 2, 2017 and should be ratified:

Steve Stovall	\$	989.51
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Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to travel to and attend the 2017 National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, from November 12 through November 15, 2017, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Shana Knutson and Cullen Robbins to travel to and attend the 2017 National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, from November 10 through November 15, 2017, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Mary Ridder excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on October 10, 2017.

Chairman

Executive Director