

Notice was duly published January 16, 2018 on Page 4 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Frank Landis excused. Chair Ridder 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. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, January 30, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
MR-1021/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
PI-210 its own motion, seeking to investigate the efficacy of the
Official Household Goods Tariff 7F and Official Intracity
Household Goods Tariff 22 and evaluate potential changes to
the tariff system. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades presiding
as Hearing Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4958 In the Matter of the Application of Birch Communications,
Inc., for authority to operate as a local exchange and
interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the State
of Nebraska: Commissioner Crystal Rhoades presiding as Hearing
Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order scheduling a hearing for
February 27, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room,
Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder,
Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank
Landis excused not voting.

NUSF-1, In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking
PO #7 to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska
Universal Service Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Rod
Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to grant an audit
extension request to Granite Telecommunications, LLC, to March 2,
2018, for the 2016 remittance audit that was due December 31, 2017.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal
Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis
excused not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

WC Docket In the Matter of Bridging the Digital Divide for Low-Income
Nos.17- Consumers; Lifeline and Link-up ReformModernization; and
287; 11-42 Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service
and 09-197 Support: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades,
seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the filing
of comments with the FCC in this docket, on or before January 24,
2018. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder,
Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank
Landis excused not voting.

Cullen Robbins discussed the late-filed NUSF remittance
worksheets: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by
Commissioner Tim Schram, that a Complaint be opened against Skywave
Wireless and that late-fees be levied against Bluestem Fiber,
GlobalStar USA and Virgin Mobile USA. Motion passed with Commissioners
Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE,
and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

NEBRASKA 911 DEPARTMENT

911-060.05 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking
to investigate and determine whether additional funds from
the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public
safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions:
South Sioux City/Dakota County LEC. Motion made by Commissioner Rod
Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order
modifying funding application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and
Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

911-060.26 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking
to investigate and determine whether additional funds from
the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public
safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions:
Dawson County. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded
by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order approving application.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal
Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis
excused not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0078.4 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Gas
Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy for an order
authorizing it to increase the Safety and Integrity Charges
(2018). Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing
Officer; and

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

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. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter assessment order BA-005 in Dockets NG-0078.4 and NG-0093. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to provide testimony in support of LB 994. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

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Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to approve appropriations testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1959 In the Matter of KMS Shuttle Service, LLC, York, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van in open class service between points in York, Lancaster, Hall, Seward, and Hamilton counties over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

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GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

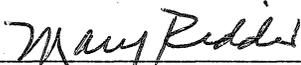
GD-3026 In the Matter of the Application of Bartlett Trading Co-Op, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, seeking authority to operate as a grain dealer pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-903 (Reissue of 2016). Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting the Grain Dealer License. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

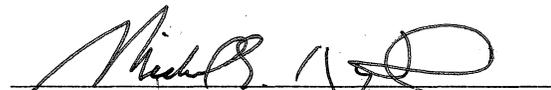
No motion was made on the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. No invoices were presented to the Commission for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve minutes for November and December 2017. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Frank Landis excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2018.



Chair



Executive Director