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Notice was duly published January 30, 2018 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 February 6, 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, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present. 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. Chair Ridder announced that Josh Medeiros joined the Transportation Department as an inspector, Sallie Dietrich joined the General Administration Department as an Attorney and Jennifer Maggart joined the General Administration Department as the Personnel Officer.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, February 6, 2018:

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
C-4952 In the Matter of the Application of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska for a determination that Neb. Code, Title 291, Chapter 1, §019.91 et seq.; Title 291, Chap. 5, §002.22A and §010.09; Title 291, Chap. 10, §006.07A be clarified or waived entirely or partially to permit compliance by digitally published directories, including online, rather than traditional paper printing publication. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting

1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
B-1953 In the Matter of Dignity Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Inc., Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van in open class in Antelope, Boone, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Gage, Hall, Hamilton, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Washington, Wayne, and York Counties. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes. Commission Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
B-1921 In the Matter of Alpha Life Improvement Services, Omaha, seeking to extend its authority as a common carrier of passengers and their baggage in Nebraska by passenger van and vans specially modified according to the Americans with Disabilities act between points in Douglas, Sarpy, Washington and Cass Counties over irregular routes under contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

AD-649r 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; and

AD-650r In the Matter of 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: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter Orders granting applications AD-649r and AD-650r. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins discussed an Auto Dialer Complaint: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, that a Complaint be opened against Central Marketing Service's due to operation of an Automatic Dialing-Announcing Device without a registration. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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 Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to grant audit requests to extend the deadlines for the 2016 NUSF remittance audits to March 31, 2018, for Lattice, Inc. and to April 15, 2018, for Ionex Communications North, Inc., originally due on or before December 31, 2017. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-108 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and make revisions to its reporting requirements: Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order denying in part, granting in part motion for Reconsideration. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Mary Ridder and Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

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

Outages for January 2018									
Outage Number	Telephone Company	Affected Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Number of Access Lines	Cause Primary	Cause Secondary	Comments
17-53	CenturyLink QC	Humphrey	Jan-03-18	Jan-03-18	0 d 6 h	154	Cable Cut		Acts of Nature/God - Outage occurred because of rodents in the pedestal.
17-54	CenturyLink QC	Omaha	Jan-03-18	Jan-03-18	0 d 4 h	226	Cable Cut		Human Error - Public - Feeder pairs went bad
17-55	Northwest Nebraska Telephone Company	Bartlett	Jan-24-18	Jan-24-18	0 d 1 h	300	Equipment		Great Plains had an issue with their Alcatel in Cedar Rapids, NE
17-56	Allo Communications, LLC	Lincoln, Alliance, North Platte	Jan-12-18	Jan-12-18	0 d 13 h	0	Equipment		There was a 20 second delay between Juniper Routers and Calix Customer Premise Equipment for certain DHCP messages resulted in Calix CPEs moving onto a new DHCP transaction before the previous one could complete.
17-57	CenturyLink QC	Broken Bow	Jan-24-18	Feb-01-18	8 d 8 h	190	Damaged Cable		Severe Weather - Cable was damaged as part of the blizzard that hit Nebraska last week. When the snow started to melt, it filled the manholes with water and damaged the cable. They replaced about 600 feet of cable. Repairs were completed 1-31-18. Cable was spliced to restore services.
17-58	CenturyLink QC	Scottsbluff	Jan-31-18	Jan-31-18	0 d 3 h	632	Equipment		Field Operations replaced the failed cards to restore service. 632 Total customers, only 110 in Nebraska the remaining were in Wyoming.

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: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Assessment Order BA-006. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NG-0093/ In the Matter of Black Hills Energy/Nebraska Gas Utility,
BA-006 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 Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to
enter Assessment Order BA-006. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram
voting AYE.

E-2447 In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power
District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to
construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Boone
County: 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, Crystal
Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Jamie Reyes discussed pending legislation.

Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, to provide no testimony on LB 1049. Motion
passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder,
Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to provide no testimony on LB 1043.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary
Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by
Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to provide testimony in support of LB
1031. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary
Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, to provide no testimony on LB 1114. Motion
passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and
Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
Commissioner Frank Landis, to provide no testimony on LB 1113. Motion
passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder,
Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE (Cont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to provide no testimony on LB 1114. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to provide no testimony on LB 856. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MR-1021/
PI-210 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, own 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: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order scheduling third workshop and seeking comments. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE. The workshop was scheduled for February 28, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

BR-544/
B-1829 In the Matter of Golden Plains Services Transportation, Inc. d/b/a GPS Transportation, Lincoln, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting the application on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-852 In the Matter of the application of Country Partners Cooperative, Gothenburg, Nebraska, requesting a \$25,000 deductible on its stock insurance: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting authority to increase its insurance deductible. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades, and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GW-1154 In the Matter of the application of Cooperative Producers, Inc., Hastings, Nebraska, requesting a \$25,000 deductible on its stock insurance: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting authority to increase its insurance deductible. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades, and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Tim Schram \$ 667.08

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 21, 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 February 20, 2018.


Chair


Executive Director