

Notice was duly published March 13, 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 March 20, 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. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Wednesday, March 21, 2018:

9:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
M-14245 In the Matter of Redman Van and Storage Company, Salt Lake City, UT, seeking authority as a Common Carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of household goods between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, March 27, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4962 In the Matter of the Application of Combined Public Communications, LLC, for authority to operate as an Operator Service Provider and Resale Carrier of Intrastate InterLATA and IntraLATA Telecommunications Services within the State of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

AD-652 In the Matter of the Application of Voice Broadcasting, Arlington, Texas, seeking authority to connect an automatic dialing-announcing device: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-33/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission,
PI-68 on its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit
requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service
Fund: The People's Operator USA, LLC: Motion made by Commissioner Rod
Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order
approving remittance audit waiver request. Motion passed with
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades
and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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 Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to
enter an Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank
Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NG-0094 In the Matter of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Decatur,
Illinois, seeking authority for a Competitive Natural Gas
Provider Certificate in the State of Nebraska: Motion made by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to
enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder
and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NG-0095/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
PI-213 to investigate the effect of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of
2017 upon rates set by Nebraska's natural gas public
utilities subject to Commission jurisdiction: Motion made by
Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to
enter an Order opening the docket. Motion passed with Commissioners
Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram
voting AYE.

NG-0093/ In the Matter of Black Hills Energy/Nebraska Gas Utility,
BA-009 & LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Papillion, Nebraska, seeking
BA-010 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 Rod Johnson, to enter Assessment Orders BA-009 and
BA-010. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis,
Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NG-0095/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
PI-213 to investigate the effect of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of
2017 upon rates set by Nebraska's natural gas public
utilities subject to Commission jurisdiction: Motion made by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to
enter a notice of assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram
voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MCC-3196 In the Matter of Jamie L. Reyes, Director, Motor
Transportation Department, Nebraska Public Service
Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, Complainant v. Alpha Life Improvement
Services; Big O's Party Bus; Black Tie Limousine, Inc.; Emerald
Limousine, Inc.; Good Times Roll GI; Heartland Party Bus; Jason's
Limousine Service; Limousine Services, LLC; Midwest Party Bus;
Nebraska Taxi, LLC; Chet's Transfer, Inc.; Ford Storage & Moving Co.;
Freight Train Express, LLC; Mid-America Relocation, Inc.; Middle West
Movers; Monroe Moving; Murphy Moving, Inc.; Red Carpet Moving, LLC;
Shasteen Transfer and Storage; Transfer 88; and Liberty Mobility Now,
Inc., Respondents: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order to dismiss, in part.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary
Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

PI-212 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
its own motion, seeking to determine the necessity of
additional classifications of passenger carriers to accommodate
current and future carriers in the market: Motion made by
Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to
enter an Order opening investigation and scheduling Workshop. Motion
passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder,
Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE. The workshop was
scheduled for April 10, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Hearing
Room, Lincoln.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-20 etal In the Matter of the attached list of completed list of
warehouse license renewals for the 1st quarter of 2018:
Mike Bartels reported on the 1st quarter grain warehouse renewal
licenses.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

GD-153 etal In the Matter of the attached list of completed list of grain dealer license renewals for the 1st quarter of 2018: Mike Bartels reported on the 1st quarter grain dealer renewal licenses.

GD-2841 In the Matter of the Application of Ag Navigator, LLC, Bertrand, Nebraska, seeking authority to operate as a grain dealer pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §75-903 (Reissue of 2016). Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order of pending dismissal of grain dealer application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades, and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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 February, 2018. 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 Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Commissioner Tim Schram to travel to and attend the Interstate TRS Fund Advisory Council meetings in Washington, D.C. from April 4, 2018 through April 6, 2018, with all expenses to be paid by the Interstate TRS Fund. 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 approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize David A. Sankey to travel to Nashville, Tennessee and attend the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA) and National Emergency Number Association (NENA) annual meetings from June 15 through June 21, 2018, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve Chair Mary Ridder's recommendation for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters, the closed session being necessary for the protection of public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

The Chair restated that the purpose of the closed session is to discuss personnel matters. The closed session discussion will be so limited. The time was noted as 10:19 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Chair Mary Ridder's recommendation for a motion to return to open session. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE. The time was noted as 10:34 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 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 March 27, 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 March 26, 2018.



Chair



Executive Director