

Notice was duly published March 20, 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 27, 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:

Tuesday, April 3, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4967 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to determine the surcharge for the statewide Telecommunications Relay System to be effective July 1, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order setting the surcharge for FY 2018-2019. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

C-4968 In the Matter of the Application of Thomas McGuire, Liberty, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Oketo Exchange of Blue Valley Telecommunications. Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order approving boundary change. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

C-4969 In the Matter of the Joint Application of Near North Partners, LLC, Mankato, Minnesota, and Zayo Group, LLC, Boulder, Colorado, seeking approval to transfer assets. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order approving application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4970 In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Matrix Telecom, LLC d/b/a VarTec Telecom;

C-4971 In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Matrix Telecom, LLC d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies d/b/a Trinsic Communications; and

C-4972 In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Matrix Telecom, LLC d/b/a Excel Telecommunications. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter orders approving applications C-4970, C-4971, and C-4972. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

AD-653r In the Matter of the Application of FLS Connect, LLC, St. Paul, Minnesota, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NUSF-37.356 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Skywave Wireless, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order dismissing complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NUSF-108, PO #3 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and make revisions to its reporting requirements. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer. Cullen Robbins discussed the March 19, 2018, Hearing Officer's Order requesting reply comments to be filed on or before April 12, 2018.

NUSF-111/ PI-211 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on Commission, on its own motion, to determine a rate design and address implementation issues with a connections-based contribution mechanism. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer. Cullen Robbins discussed the March 23, 2018, Hearing Officer's Order setting a hearing for May 1, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0093/ CA-001 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 Tim Schram, to enter Assessment Order CA-001. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

E-2449 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Dixon County. 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.

LEGISLATIVE

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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 Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, 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.

B-1892 In the Matter of Remington Patient Care, Papillion, seeking to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No. B-1892: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order cancelling Certificate B-1892. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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 Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

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Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, 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: 10:10 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, 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: 10:36 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 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 April 3, 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 April 2, 2018.

Mary Ridder
Chair

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Executive Director