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Notice was duly published August 28, 2018 on Page 6 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on September 5, 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, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades 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:

Wednesday, September 5, 2018:

1:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
MANF-11 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the seal fee amount for the Manufactured Home Program;
MODF-12 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the fees for Modular Housing Program; and
RVF-12 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the fees for the Recreational Vehicle Program. Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, September 11, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4992 In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of a Bill and Keep Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC, St. Louis, Missouri, previously approved in Docket C-4198: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order approving amendment to interconnection agreement. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

AD-664r In the Matter of the Application of Convoso, Inc., Woodland Hills, California, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Los Angeles, California: 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 and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-111/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, PI-211 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: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order denying motion for reconsideration. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

Cullen Robbins discussed the draft of the 2018 Annual Report to the Legislature.

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

Outages for August 2018

Telephone Company	Affected Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Number of Access Lin	Cause Primary	Comments
Great Plains	Spalding	Aug-03-18	Aug-03-18	0 d 9 h	15	Damaged Cable	Internet/Dialtone - Tech repaired buried cable
Great Plains	Arnold	Aug-03-18	Aug-03-18	0 d 2 h	20	Cable Cut	GPC Personnel hit cable with backhoe - locates (by GPSC) were incorrect
CenturyLink	Valentine	Aug-03-18	Aug-03-18	0 d 2 h	110	Cable Cut	Cable was cut by a subcontractor working for CenturyLink. Locates were accurate. Cable was spliced to restore all customers to service.
Dalton	Lodgepole, Gurley, Dix & Dalton	Aug-06-18	Aug-06-18	0 d 6 h	150	Equipment	OC 12 between Dalton & CenturyLink down - affecting voice & 911
NNTC	Bartlett	Aug-06-18	Aug-06-18	0 d 5 h	300		Long Distance Outage - Fiber Terminal Failed in Bartlett. Installed Adtran Equipment & Cut over T1's
Great Plains	Niobrara	Aug-06-18	Aug-06-18	0 d 5 h	30	Cable Cut	Power company putting in new mainline power severed cable after exposing when bank caved in. Techs spliced fiber to restore service.
Great Plains	Scribner	Aug-07-18	Aug-07-18	0 d 3 h	10	Cable Cut	The Copper Cable has been repaired. It was cut by GPC. Snagged next to a ped when doing part of a 10 m fiber plow. It was located by GPC and the locate was correct.
Windstream	Southeast Nebraska Counties Jefferson, Johnson, Gage, Pawnee, Nemaha, Otoe and Seward	Aug-08-18	Aug-08-18	0 d 8 h	0		911 Outage - Routine maintenance to replace cards in a router caused 3 separate outages - the first 2 lasted app 10-13 minutes, the 3rd lasted several hours
Great Plains	Merriman	Aug-09-18	Aug-09-18	0 d 3 h	150	Cable Cut	It was a copper 150 pair cable - Refresh locates have been called in weekly by the contractor but our location company (USIC) has failed to come back on some of the refresh tickets. In this instance the marks were gone.
Blair	Blair and Washington Counties	Aug-11-18	Aug-11-18	0 d 2 h	0	Equipment	Network Switching equipment issue with boot looping, caused partial outage issues to parts of Blair and Washington County. Services were not down continuously during the issue and only portions of the serving area were affected.
Cox	Omaha	Aug-23-18	Aug-23-18	0 d 2 h	8344	Equipment	Devices registered to an incorrect router - human error
Great Plains	South Central Nebraska - 402-746	Aug-27-18	Aug-27-18	0 d 2 h	30	Cable Cut	Fiber Cut done by county road grader - Voice & Internet customers - Technicians have fiber spliced and finishing up the enclosure. All services restored.
CenturyLink	Valley	Aug-29-18	Aug-29-18	0 d 4 h	412	Cable Cut	Contractor Compass Utility was the contractor. Locates were completed and accurate.
CenturyLink	North Platte, Lexington, Scottsbluff, Kimball, Mitchell, Oshkosh, Gering, Sidney, Cothenburg, Elm Creek, McCook	Aug-29-18	Aug-31-18	1 d 14 h	787	Cable Cut	Two fiber cuts - one near Brady, one 70 miles away on a bridge construction site. Near Brady, a temporary fiber line was cut by a mower - CL was waiting for approval to bury. The bridge construction caused the other cut when support beam for old bridge was removed. They are working on a permanent solution for the new bridge.
Elsie	Elsie	Aug-30-18	Aug-30-18	0 d 2 h	129	Equipment	Port controller was not working on a piece of equipment - a hard reset fixed the problem

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0078.5 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, seeking an order to continue the System Safety and Integrity Rider Charge (SSIR) and SSIR Revenue: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

NG-0095.1 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking 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: NorthWestern Energy: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

LEGISLATIVE

Mike Hybl discussed Interim Study Hearings.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1840 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to require Black Out Express, LLC, d/b/a Black Out Express Party Bus, Lincoln, to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked; and

B-1883 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to require Opulence Limousine, Inc., Lincoln, to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order to show cause and set Hearing for October 10, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., Lincoln: Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

B-1828 In the Matter of the Application of Performance Automotive & Towing d/b/a O'Malley's Cab Service, Sidney, seeking to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No. B-1828;

M-13167 In the Matter of the Application of Buck's Moving & Storage, Inc., Grand Island, Nebraska, seeking to cancel its certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket M-13167; and

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

M-14234 In the Matter of the Application of Kerry Carpenter d/b/a KDX Moving, Kearney, seeking to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No.

M-14234: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order cancelling certificate. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-279 In the Matter of the Application of Farmers Cooperative, Dorchester, Nebraska, requesting a \$25,000 deductible on its stock insurance: 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, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

GD-3029 In the Matter of the Application of Indigo Ag, Inc., Charlestown, Massachusetts, 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 Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting the Grain Dealer License. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

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 and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

Tim Schram \$ 630.02

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 11, 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 September 10, 2018.

Mary Ridder
Chair

Tim Schram
Executive Director