

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

AGENDA

July 8, 2025

10:00 AM

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the May 2025
Commission Meeting minutes.

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Notice was duly published April 28, 2025, on page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on May 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room. Chair Schram 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 comment was offered. Chair Schram introduced new Commission staff.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

NUSF-37.460: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Dagobah Systems, Inc., Respondent; and

NUSF-37.463: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Net2Phone 2.0 America, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an order Dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Report on telecommunications Complaints and Outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month. Cullen Robbins informs the Commission of the Complaints and Outages received for April 2025.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-080: In the Matter of Webster County, Public Safety Answering Point, Red Cloud, seeking approval for the operations of Public Safety Answering Point and the receipt of 911 Service System Funds. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Approving Application and Granting Request for Funding. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-124: In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a general rate increase. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter a notice of assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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E-2541: In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Lancaster County. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2542: In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-122: In the Matter of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking approval of a natural gas general rate increase for Nebraska. Nichole Mulcahy informed the Commission that a hearing officer order was entered, setting a hearing for Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

MODF-19/PI-001: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to gather information regarding the current state of housing affordability and partner with various stakeholders to develop innovative housing solutions. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Opening Docket and Setting Workshop. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Mirch and second withdrawn by Commissioner Stocker. Item passed over.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2115: In the Matter of the Application of Trusted Transit NEMT, LLC, Bellevue, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, SUV, and van between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Withdrawing Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2156: In the Matter of the Application of Leader Limo of Omaha, LLC d/b/a VIP Limo & VIP LimoBus, Omaha, seeking authority seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authorities held by VIP limousine, LLC and VIP LimoBus, LLC, in B-1640 and B-1641, respectively. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Granting Temporary Operating Authority.

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Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

In the Matter of completed Household Goods Mover License renewals. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewals of Inside and Outside Moving Company, ML-64; GoForth LLC dba Kearney Moving Service ML-57; Lincoln Relocation d/b/a Heartland Moving ML-22; and Live Grow Move LLC dba Jim's Moving and Delivery Co ML-61.

Report on Motor Transportation Complaints and Railroad complaints received by the Department during the April Month. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson informs the Commission of the Complaints received for April 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on May 12, 2025.


Chair


Executive Director

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Notice was duly published May 2, 2025, on page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on May 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioner Christian Mirch attending virtually. Chair Schram 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 comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5640: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2025 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order holding the 2025 Broadband Bridge Program in abeyance. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5645/DC-105: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission regarding the 2024 Annual Report Filings. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to approve Cullen Robbins to open a Departmental Complaint against carriers who failed to file required annual reports by deadline of April 30, 2025. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-131, PO #4: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to establish reverse auction procedures and requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Seeking Comment and Notice of Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioner Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-102: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to review policies and practices relating to the administration of customer choice programs for natural gas service offered within the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter Progression Order #8 setting a workshop for June 18, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing

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Room. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

MODF-19/PI-001: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to gather information regarding the current state of housing affordability and partner with various stakeholders to develop innovative housing solutions. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Opening Docket and Setting Workshop. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2109: In the Matter of the Application of Doing Time Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Denying Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GDC-462: Terri Fritz, Director, Grain Warehouse and Grain Dealer Departments of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Lackawanna Products Corp., and Superior Feed Ingredients LLC, Respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve Terri Fritz to open complaint against all above-named licensees for failing to file 2024 December financials by Commission deadline. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GD-3000: In the Matter of Agfinity, Inc., Eaton, Colorado, seeking approval of Grain Dealer License. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Grain Dealer License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No motion was made.

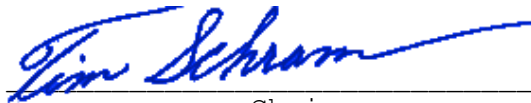
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The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on May 19, 2025.

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Chair

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Executive Director

PRELIMINARY

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Chair Commissioner Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room. Chair Schram 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 comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-019/PI-118: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service; and

911-073/PI-232: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to consider recommendations of the Service System Advisory Committee for creation of a new funding system for Next Generation 911. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Authorizing PSAP Payments. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-101.1: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska. Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, to enter assessment order CD-11;

NG-101.2: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska. NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, to enter assessment order CD-6;

NG-112.4: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a 2025 Systems Safety and Integrity Rider. to enter assessment order CD-9; and

NG-122: In the Matter of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking approval of a natural gas general rate increase for Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner

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Eric Kamler, to enter assessment order CD-4. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2543: In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Lancaster County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GD-3086: In the Matter of the Application of the Gutzmann Company, Pender, Nebraska, seeking approval of Grain Dealers License. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Grain Dealer License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No motion was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Commission Meeting minutes for April 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Cullen Robbins to travel to and attend the NARUC Summer Policy Summit in Boston, Massachusetts from July 26, 2025 to July 30, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Tim Schram to travel to and attend the NARUC Summer Policy Summit in Boston, Massachusetts from July 27, 2025 to July 30, 2025 with lodging paid for by NARUC and all remaining expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2025.


Chair


Executive Director

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