Chairman Frank Landis called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Gerald Vap and Tim Schram present. Chairman Landis invited the public to address the Commission and announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room. Commissioner Landis announced that there will be no Commission meeting next week. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published January 28, 2014 on Page 6 of <u>The Daily Record</u> that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held February 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

# Tuesday, February 4, 2014:

| 11:00  | Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln                         |  |  |
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| C-4647/  | In the Matter of the Application of PBN, LLC, Pierce,    |  |  |
| NUSF-94 seeking designation as an eligible telecommunication |  |  |  |
|  | carrier in its designated service area. Commissioner Rod |  |  |
|  | Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer.                    |  |  |

## Tuesday, February 18, 2014:

| 1:30    | Video Hearing, Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln and City   |
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| GW-2187 | Hall, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City                    |
|         | In the Matter of the Application of Richardson Milling     |
|         | Inc., f/k/a 21C Oats, Inc., South Sioux City, seeking      |
|         | approval of special storage rates for identity preserved   |
|         | grain. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Offi- |
|         | cer.   |

# 2:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln

911-050.02 In the Matter of the Third Petition of N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless, for support from the E911 Wireless Service Provider (WSP) Grant Program. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer.

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Elton informed the Commission of complaints received in January 2014. She reported there were a total of 35 complaints: 23 wireline and 12 wireless. The complaints were categorized as follows: 10 billing, 17 service and 8 miscellaneous issues.

### COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4649 In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of a Wireless Interconnection Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252 (i) with NE Colorado Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Viaero Wireless, Fort Morgan, Colorado: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3206 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund: Gene Hand informed the Commission that \$1,248.64 was transferred from the Competitive Market Fund to the Internet Enhancement Fund on January 27, 2014.

Gene Hand reported on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Orders (FCC 14-5) on Technology Transition Trials adopted January 30, 2014. After a discussion of the order, the Commissioners encouraged Nebraska carriers to consider drafting proposals designed to examine the impacts of replacing existing customer services with IP-based alternatives and proposals for deploying rural broadband infrastructure. Commissioner Landis suggested carriers interested in proposing trials in Nebraska should contact NPSC staff to initiate a discussion with respect to how the Commission could assist in supporting any proposed IP trials.

Gene Hand reported on the order released by the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau on January 31, 2014. The order (DA 14-118) addresses the findings from the six-month technical trial during which interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers were permitted direct access to numbering resources.

Gene Hand reported on the progress of migrating TRS remittances to the ACH-Debits process mandated by the Commission.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

911-058/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking PI-188 to conduct a study to examine issues surrounding the state-wide implementation of Next-Generation 911 funded through the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund as required by LB 595 [2013]. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: Sue Vanicek discussed the Hearing Officer's order entered February 3, 2014, releasing the initial Next-Generation 911 report and seeking comments which will be due February 18, 2014.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-61.06 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, seeking to review traffic studies to determine the appropriate percentage of assessable revenues subject to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: United States Cellular Corporation's (U.S. Cellular) request for approval of traffic study: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order approving the traffic study. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

#### NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

Laura Demman reported a total number of 10 consumer complaints and inquiries received during January. For each company: Black Hills - 2; SourceGas - 3; NorthWestern - 1; and Other Entities - 4.

#### LEGISLATIVE

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Commission's position on legislation. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

#### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

- B-1849 In the Matter of Somali Bantu Association of Nebraska, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van over irregular routes in Douglas and Sarpy counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes. Commissioner Anne Boyle presiding as Hearing Officer: The hearing previously scheduled for February 20, 2014, was continued to a date later to be determined.
- BR-445 In the Matter of Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Omaha, seeking authority to establish its rates and charges: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to enter an order granting the application on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Tim Schram voting AYE.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to establish the fuel surcharge in Nebraska Official Goods Tariff 7F and Tariff 22: The Tariff 7F fuel surcharge was retained at \$1.10 per mile and the Tariff 22 fuel surcharge at \$7.60 per truck per trip.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

| Ken Stadler | \$1,600.00 |
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| Kent Pribyl | 736.36     |
| Anne Boyle  | 672.00     |
| Tim Schram  | 723.52     |

Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission minutes for January 2014. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Steve Meradith discussed a letter filed January 27, 2014 by Mr. Bill Austin notifying the Commission of his change in law firm. Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to ratify an assignment of the "Agreement for Base Public Advocate Services" from Erickson & Sederstrom, P.C., L.L.C ("E&S") to Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grimit & Witt ("Baylor Evnen") effective February 1, 2014. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Gerald Vap and Tim Schram present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 19, 2014 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 18, 2014.

| Chairman | Executive Director |
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