

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

Chairman Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present. Chairman Schram announced 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.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published April 26, 2016 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 May 3, 2016 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, May 3, 2016:

10:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
NG-0086 In the Matter of Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Omaha, seeking approval of its Cost of Service Gas Hedge Agreement with Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer.

Commissioner Schram announced that the proceeding in NG-0086 would occur through the remainder of the week, if necessary.

Tuesday, May 10, 2016:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Schedules In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking A & E to determine reasonable A and E storage rates and charges for Public Grain Warehouses for the 2016-2017 storage year. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY 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: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order authorizing payments. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-1/
PO #7 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: AccessLine Communications: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to grant AccessLine Communications' request for an extension to May 30, 2016, to submit the NUSF 2014 Remittance Audit, which was due December 31, 2015. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0078 In the Matter of the Application of SourceGas Distribution
BE-0015 LLC, Golden, Colorado, seeking authority to put into effect a System Safety and Integrity Rider Tariff and Safety and Integrity Rider Charge for recovery of 2015 Eligible Costs. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer;

NG-0086 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills/Nebraska
BE-0011 Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy,
CA-005 Papillion, seeking approval of its Cost of Service Gas Hedge Agreement with Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer; and

NG-0088 In the Matter of the Application of SourceGas Distribution,
BE-006 LLC, Golden, Colorado, seeking Approval of the Regulatory Treatment of the Net Buyout Costs of Two Gas Supply-Related Contracts, the Costs Associated with Financing the Buyout Costs, and Other Specified Relief. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Assessment Order BE-0015, in Docket NG-0078; Assessment Orders BE-0011 and CA-005, in Docket NG-0086; and Assessment Order BE-006, in Docket NG-0088. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 14 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during April, 2016. For each company: Black Hills - 4; SourceGas - 7; and NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 3.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

BR-502/
B-1877 In the Matter of the Application of Elite Party Bus, LLC, Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking to amend its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 2014), Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order granting on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

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Commissioner Schram inquired about the status of transportation rules & regulations.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Schram invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received.

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

AS Central Services-OWH Contractual Ads	\$	528.64
Mark Luttich		886.14
Ken Stadler		1,388.75
Rod Johnson		1,463.40
Crystal Rhoades		839.16
Tim Schram		697.68

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Commissioners to travel to and attend the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) 2016 Annual Meeting in Bismarck, ND, to be held in June 2016, with the first \$1,000.00 to be paid by MARC and the remaining expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Commissioners and staff to travel to and attend the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) 2016 Summer Committee Meetings in Nashville, TN, to be held in July 2016, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 10, 2016 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 9, 2016.

Chairman

Executive Director