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Notice was duly published April 30, 2019 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 7, 2019 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, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier 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, May 7, 2019:

1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln  
Rule and In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking  
Regulation to establish Title 291, Chapter 16, to adopt Reverse  
#202 Auction and Wireless Registry rules and regulations in  
accordance with Nebraska Legislative Bill 994 [2018].  
Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln  
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

FC-1367 In the Matter of Platte Valley Financial Services  
Companies, Inc. and Affiliates, Complainant v. CenturyLink  
Communications, LLC, Defendant. Motion made by Commissioner Dan  
Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order  
overruling motion to dismiss. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod  
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier  
voting AYE.

C-1628/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion,  
NUSF seeking to conduct an investigation into intrastate  
access charge reform and intrastate universal service fund.  
Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner  
Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting the Consolidated  
Companies' request to modify the calculation of its earnings,  
effective with the 2019 NUSF-EARN Form. Motion passed with  
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram  
and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-33/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on  
 PI-68 its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit  
 requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service  
 Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by  
 Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting a late-filed  
 audit waiver. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal  
 Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF- In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director of the Nebraska  
 37.371 Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public  
 Service Commission, Complainant, v. Verizon Long Distance, LLC,  
 Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by  
 Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order dismissing Complaint.  
 Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary  
 Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92, In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on  
 PO #8 its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Universal  
 Service Fund Broadband Program. Motion made by Commissioner  
 Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order  
 seeking comments due on or before June 20, 2019, and setting a  
 workshop for July 16, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing  
 Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal  
 Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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

Outages for April 2019							
Telephone Company	Affected Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Number of Access Lin	Cause Primary	Comments
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Apr-04-19	Apr-11-19	7 d 2 h	868	Damaged Cable	Cable Damaged by Marsh Construction - equipment was stuck, and cable was damaged during removal. Service was restored as copper cable was spliced.
Qwest Corporation	Crawford	Apr-07-19	Apr-08-19	0 d 20 h	1	Other	Vortac FAA Circuit is out of service.
Qwest Corporation	Hartington, Randolph	Apr-09-19	Apr-09-19	0 d 4 h	3795	Cable Cut	Facilities are cut/damaged from HARTINGTON and is unable to complete 911/E911 calls; no re-route is available - Cable Cut by a contractor working for the State DOT.
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	Allen, Coleridge, Dixon-Concord, Martinsburg, Newcastle, Obert, Maskell, Waterbury	Apr-09-19	Apr-09-19	0 d 4 h	1400	Cable Cut	Contractor cut Fiber - crews are working to restore service - Fiber Cable has been spliced - 911 Service & Long Distance has been restored.
Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.	Hartelco servicing area. Other carriers: Northeast Nebraska, American Broadband & Pierce Telephone	Apr-09-19	Apr-09-19	0 d 4 h	200	Cable Cut	Walz, Inc. - contractor for the State cut the cable while doing work.
Blair Telephone Company	Osmond, Belden and Carroll	Apr-09-19		d h	147	Cable Cut	Contractor Fiber Cut
Qwest Corporation	Lexington	Apr-17-19	Apr-17-19	0 d 10 h	645	Damaged Cable	Cable damaged by contractor with the power district. Locates were requested and accurate.
Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	Lincoln	Apr-24-19	Apr-26-19	2 d 14 h	482	Cable Cut	Allo's contractor hit a couple of large cables - 52nd & Walker
Qwest Corporation	Crawford	Apr-25-19	Apr-26-19	0 d 21 h	1	Other	TSP 2 circuit is out of service. Replaced cable pair to restore service.
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Apr-28-19	Apr-29-19	1 d 9 h	741	Damaged Cable	2500 pair cable damaged. Cable repaired to restore service

## 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. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order authorizing payments for FY 2019/2020. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.08 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of Falls City;

911-042.02 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Dodge County;

911-042.15 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Hamilton County; and

911-042.18 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of North Platte. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order approving funding for GIS address point data for Dockets 911-042.08, 911-042.02, 911-042.15, and 911-042.18. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.57 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of Alliance. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order approving funding request for computer assisted dispatch. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

911-042.16 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Cheyenne County. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter three Orders approving funding for call handling equipment, mapping services and software and, power backup equipment. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Dave Sankey informed the Commission that the next 911 Service System Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gold's Building, 1033 O Street, Room 534, Lincoln.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

M-14235 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Red Carpet Moving, LLC, Omaha, to show cause as to why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, Order revoking certificate. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

BR-561/  
B-1351 In the Matter of the Application of Midwest Special Services, Inc., Curtis, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, Order granting rates on emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

The following invoices were processed between April 24, 2019 and May 5-6, 2019 and should be ratified:

Crystal Rhoades	\$ 167.04
Crystal Rhoades	708.18
Tim Schram	631.04
Dan Watermeier	146.16
Dan Watermeier	512.72

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to travel to and attend the NARUC 40th Western Rate School in Coronado, CA from May 12 through May 17, 2019, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Mark Luttich to travel to and attend the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Manufactured Home Association in Council Bluffs, IA, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

The Commission recessed at 10:25.

The Commission reconvened at 10:32.

Representatives from NorthWestern Energy gave a presentation to the Commission.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 14, 2019 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 13, 2019.

  
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Chair

  
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Executive Director