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Notice was duly published October 18, 2024 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 October 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Dan Watermeier called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, and Kevin Stocker present in the Commission Hearing Room. Chair Watermeier stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. Public comment was offered by Emily Haxby. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5303/PI-240: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to determine whether adequate service quality is being provided by carriers operating within the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order issuing Findings and closing docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5599: In the Matter of the Application of Unite Private Networks, LLC, Kansas City, Missouri, seeking authority to add the trade name Segra Fiber. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5603: In the Matter of the Application of David and Sharon Kathman, Superior, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Blue Hill Exchange of Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order approving boundary change. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSE-37.447: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Working Assets Funding Service, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order dismissing the Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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Net2Phone 2.0 America, Inc.: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to open NUSF Remittance Complaint against Net2Phone 2.0 America, Inc. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-002: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order setting the 2025 surcharge rate. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-13: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to evaluate and establish, on a quarterly basis, an assessment for jurisdictional utilities pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1801 et seq. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter Progression Order No. 85. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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 System Safety and Integrity Rider. to enter assessment order CD-3 and CD-4;

NG-115.1: In the Matter of the Commission, to conduct a management review of gas supply schedules implemented by NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1854. to enter assessment order CD-6;

NG-117: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval to implement a voluntary renewable natural gas and carbon offset program. to enter assessment order CD-3; and

NG-119: In the Matter of the Commission, to conduct a review of gas supply cost adjustment schedules implemented by Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1854. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter assessment order BW-10. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2536: In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Dakota County. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with

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

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 10 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during the third quarter of 2024. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 7; NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 3.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

T-1.01: In the Matter of Rasier, LLC, San Francisco, California, seeking to extend its operations by providing service pursuant to a contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the Employment First Program. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-1901.02r: In the Matter of the Application of Mike's Handy Van, LLC, Lincoln, 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 Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order of Pending Dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2114.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Karaoke Kruzin, LLC d/b/a Karaoke Kruzin, Omaha, 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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order Granting Rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GD-2775: In the Matter of Red River Commodities, Inc., Fargo, North Dakota, 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.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

GA-1: Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Commission Meeting minutes for August and September 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. 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 10:31 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Dan Watermeier, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, and Kevin Stocker present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on November 5, 2024.

Chair

Executive Director

PRELIMINARY