

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes

December 3, 2024

Page 1

Notice was duly published November 21, 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 December 3, 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. No public comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5564, PI-250: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to review and consider modifications to the Commission's service outage reporting requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order adopting service outage reporting policy. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5607: In the Matter of the Application of Applied Connective Technologies, LLC, Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, seeking authority to operate as an interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order granting application for interexchange authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5610: In the Matter of the Application of Windstream IT-Comm, LLC, Little Rock, Arkansas, seeking authority to withdraw its local and interexchange certificates of authority and cancel its tariffs. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order granting withdrawal of authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5561: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2024 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order releasing partial challenge determinations. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes

December 3, 2024

Page 2

NUSF-37.452: In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. PNG Telecommunications, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order dismissing the Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-079: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to consider recommendations of the 911 Service System Advisory Committee for statewide uniform standards that will allow PSAPs on the 911 service system to communicate, coordinate, and engage with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order opening docket and adopting recommendations statewide uniform standards. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an order adopting audit findings and closing the review. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter assessment order BW-7. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

R&R 212: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 8, Grain Warehouse and Grain Dealer Rules and Regulations for general cleanup and updates and to comply with Nebraska Legislative Bill 262 (2024). Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order Adopting Proposed Rules and Issuing Certificate of Adoption. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes

December 3, 2024

Page 3

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Commission Meeting minutes for October 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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 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 December 10, 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 December 9, 2024.

Chair

Executive Director

PRELIMINARY