

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published December 8, 2020 on page 5 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on December 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM 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 AM. 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, December 15, 2020:

NG-109      Black Hills Energy - **Rate Case Workshop**  
1:00 p.m. - Web Conference-Remote access to the meeting  
will be available via Zoom or by telephone.  
Commissioner Dan Watermeier - Hearing Officer

Wednesday, December 16, 2020:

911-042.23 Perkins County PSAP - **Hearing**  
10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room and via WebEx  
Commissioner Tim Schram - Hearing Officer

Tuesday, January 5, 2021:

## **Commission Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5069/      In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on  
PI-226      its own motion, to implement LB 641 [2019]. Motion made by  
Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod  
Johnson, to enter an Order approving grant application. Motion passed  
with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim  
Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5185      In the Matter of the Application of Myna Lee Barr, Liberty,  
seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications  
capability service from the North Summerfield Exchange of Blue Valley  
Telecommunications, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson,  
seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order approving  
application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal  
Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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NUSF-33/  
PI-68 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting waivers to late-filed carriers for the NUSF Remittance audits, otherwise due December 31, 2020. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99.128 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink's Broadband Grant Request; and

NUSF-99.137 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Broadband Grant Request. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter Orders granting NUSF-99.128, the Minatare 14 project application and NUSF-99.137, the Schuyler project application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99.134 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Broadband Grant Request;

NUSF-99.135 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Broadband Grant Request; and

NUSF-99.136 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Broadband Grant Request. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter Orders granting NUSF-99.134, the Shelby project application, NUSF-99.135, the Bellwood project application, and NUSF-99.136, the Osceola project application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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## STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-018/ 117 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish audit requirements related to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Dave Sankey discussed and sought Commission approval to grant GreatCall's audit extension request to March 1, 2021, for the E911 remittance audit, otherwise due December 31, 2020. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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 Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.17 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: Hitchcock County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.31 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: Thurston County. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.39 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: Cass County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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911-042.50 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: Chase County. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.68 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: Butler County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.71 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: Saunders County. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

FC-1369 In the Matter of the Heartland Natural Gas, LLC, Lincoln, Nebraska, v. Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC, Rapid City, South Dakota, regarding the Energy Options Program. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order granting the motion to withdraw. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-109 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a general rate increase. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter assessment orders BA-11 and BA-12. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MT-0002/  
PI-235        In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on  
              its own motion, seeking to investigate and implement  
              changes to motor carrier regulation resulting from the  
              passage of LB 461 [2020]. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier,  
              seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order to prescribe  
              process for transition of railroad employee carriers to licensees.  
              Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary  
              Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

              In the Matter of the 2020 Annual Report to the Legislature  
              on the status of the Implementation of LB 629 (2015). Motion made by  
              Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to  
              approve the 2020 Annual Report to the Legislature on the status of the  
              Implementation of LB 629 [2015]. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod  
              Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier  
              voting AYE.

BR-603/  
B-1705        In the Matter of Champion Homes of Hastings, LLC, Hastings,  
              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 Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim  
              Schram, to enter an Order granting rates on an emergency basis. Motion  
              passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder,  
              Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LR-360/  
BR-601/  
2014        In the Matter of TAA, LLC d/b/a BIG Premier Limousine,  
              Grand Island, seeking to establish its rates and charges B-  
              subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75,  
              Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Dan  
              Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order  
              granting rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal  
              Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LR-361/  
B-2017        In the Matter of No-Prob-Limo, 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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim  
              Schram, to enter an Order granting rates on an emergency basis. Motion  
              passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder,  
              Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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MR-1023/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on  
PI-234 its own motion, seeking to investigate the prescription of  
reasonable rates and charges for regulated motor carriers  
providing ground transportation for passengers at Eppley Airfield.  
Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan  
Watermeier, to enter an Order Establishing Ground Transportation Fee.  
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram  
and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting  
NAY.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-340 In the Matter of the Application of Union Grain Company,  
St. Libory, Nebraska, requesting a \$50,000 deductible on  
its stock insurance. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded  
by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an order granting application.  
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary  
Ridder, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GW-1154 In the Matter of the Application of Cooperative Producers,  
Inc., Hastings, Nebraska, requesting a \$100,000 deductible  
on its stock insurance. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson,  
seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter an order granting  
application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal  
Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM with Commissioners Rod  
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier  
present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January  
5, 2021 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of  
the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on January 4, 2021.

  
Chair

  
Executive Director