

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published February 7, 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 February 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

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

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

**C-5552:** In the Matter of the Application of Mobius Communications Company, Hemingford, Nebraska, seeking a waiver of the requirement of 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 regarding public pay stations. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order granting a waiver of Commission regulations regarding public pay stations. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram and Kevin Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier excused not voting.

**C-5554:** In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, Monroe, Louisiana, seeking approval of a Carrier Partner for Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment to its Interconnection Agreement with Airus, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order approving amendment to Interconnection Agreement. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram and Kevin Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier excused not voting.

**NUSF-139:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to consider appropriate modifications to the high-cost distribution and reporting mechanisms in its Universal Service Fund program in light of federal and state infrastructure grants. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order identifying issues for the March 6, 2024 workshop. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram and Kevin Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier excused not voting.

## NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

**NG-101.1:** In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of

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issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska. Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy. to enter assessment order CD-1; and

**NG-101.2:** In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska. NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter assessment order CD-1. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram and Kevin Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier excused not voting.

**E-2521:** In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Dawes County. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an order cancelling the authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram and Kevin Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier excused not voting.

**E-2524:** In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Lancaster County. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram and Kevin Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier excused not voting.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

**B-2065.05:** In the Matter of the Application of Eastside Transportation, LLC, Lincoln, seeking cancellation and revocation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No. B-2065. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Granting Cancellation of Certificate B-2065. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram and Kevin Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier excused not voting.

**B-2078.02:** In the Matter of the Application of Lexington Party Bus, LLC, Lexington, seeking authority to extend its authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by Bus in Special Party and Charter service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order Granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram and Kevin

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Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier excused not voting.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Discussion on pending legislation.

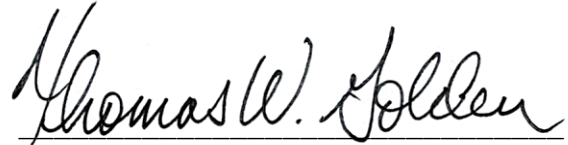
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The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, and Kevin Stocker present, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier absent. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on February 20, 2024.



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Chair



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Executive Director