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Notice was duly published March 8, 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 March 12, 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, Christian Mirch, Eric Kamler 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 made. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5563: In the Matter of the Application of AT&T Corp., Dallas, Texas, seeking approval of an internal corporate restructuring and merger into AT&T Enterprises, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch present not voting.

NUSF-92.62: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program: Application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from NE Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order granting request for Extension of Time to February 16, 2025 to complete the Filley project. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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 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-2;

NG-112.3: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a 2024 System Safety and Integrity Rider. to enter Assessment Order BA-35; and

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. Motion

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made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter Assessment Order CD-1. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2528: In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Buffalo County. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, 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.

E-2529: In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Platte County. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-101.1: 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. Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy. Nichole Mulcahy informed the Commission of the next status meeting on April 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room and via Webex.

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. Nichole Mulcahy informed the Commission of the next status meeting for April 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room and via Webex.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 1031/AM 2956: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to oppose bill, and send letter of opposition. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

R&R 210: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 9, Natural Gas and Oil Pipeline, to update, modernize, correct errors, and reorganize the chapter. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Setting Public Hearing. Motion passed with

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

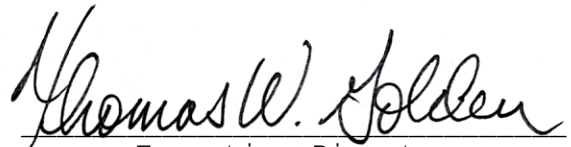
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to reschedule the Commission Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 to Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 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 March 26, 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 March 25, 2024.



Chair



Executive Director