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Notice was duly published April 1, 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 April 9, 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. Commissioners Kamler, Schram, Mirch, and Stocker offered public comment. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

NUSF-1, PO #7: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Skybeam Acquisition Corporation d/b/a Rise Broadband. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to grant a second audit extension request to April 15, 2024, for the 2021 NUSF remittance audit, otherwise due December 31, 2023. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-4: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the level of the fund necessary to carry out the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act beginning July 1, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Setting Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion to Administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Opening Application Window. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Granting Extension of Time for Submission of Invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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Report on telecommunications Complaints and Outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month. Cullen Robbins informs the Commission of the Complaints and Outages received for March, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No Motion was made.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 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 April 16, 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 April 15, 2024.

Chair

Executive Director

PRELIMINARY