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Notice was duly published January 30, 2025, 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 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room. Chair Schram 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

NUSF-37.453: In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Gabb Wireless, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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.

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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Scheduling Workshop. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-143: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to implement policies and procedures related to providing dedicated universal service support for wireless telecommunications services. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order opening Docket, with initial comments due March 3, 2025 and, reply comments due March 28, 2025. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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 January, 2025.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1948.03: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Careem Transportation, LLC, Omaha, to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order Sustaining Show Cause and Revoking Certificate B-1948. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2113: In the Matter of the Application of Comfort Cruise Mobility, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class and service by sedan and SUV and in Charter service by bus, in and between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Dismissing Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2115: In the Matter of the Application of Trusted Transit NEMT, LLC, Bellevue, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, SUV, and van between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order Granting Extension of Deadline. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0001.05: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to address certain carriers in non-compliance with annual renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order to Dismiss, in Part. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2126.01r: In the Matter of the Application of LRMoore, LLC d/b/a Love Thy Neighbor Senior Care, Omaha, 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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter an Order of Pending Dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 666: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to hold neutral position and provide testimony. Motion passed with

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

LB 4: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to oppose and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioners Eric Kamler and Christian Mirch voting NAY.

LB 311: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to oppose and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.


LB 37: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to support and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LB 128: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to support and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 11, 2025, 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 10, 2025.



Chair



Executive Director