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Notice was duly published February 24, 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 March 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 Christian Mirch and Kevin Stocker present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioners Eric Kamler and Dan Watermeier attending virtually via Webex. 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. Chair Schram announced that Commissioners Eric Kamler and Dan Watermeier were in attendance virtually.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5631: In the Matter of the Application of Mona Buschelman, Fordyce, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. to enter an Order granting application; and

C-5634: In the Matter of the Application of Laura Steffen, Fordyce, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, 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.

C-5636: In the Matter of the Joint Application of FiberComm, L.C. and ImOn Communications, LLC, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, seeking approval of a transfer of control. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5561: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2024 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order revising grant awards. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

ADC-14: In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director of the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, complainant, v. Central Marketing Services, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch

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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-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: Mitel Cloud Services. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to grant audit extension request to March 31, 2025, for the 2023 NUSF Remittance audit, otherwise due February 28, 2025. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF Advisory Board New Appointments: Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to appoint Peter Gose from Lumen Technologies as Telecom Carrier Representative; Christa Porter from the Nebraska Library Commission as Library Representative; Christina Struebing from the Nebraska Department of Education as Schools Representative and, Andrew Vinton from Allo Communications as Telecom Carrier Representative.

NUSF-133: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement standards for the verification of broadband service provider coverage and speed data. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter a waiver of ongoing speed testing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF Fund Status Report.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

E-2539: In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Pawnee County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MT-0005: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its Own Motion, to require Ability Wheelchair Transportation, LLC; Big Premier Limousine/TAA, LLC d/b/a BIG Premier Limousine; Davis Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Ollie the Trolley; Down The Hatch; Family Empowerment Service, Inc.; Flatland Rentals, LLC; Kidcaboo, LLC; Medics At Home, Inc.; Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition; No Prob Limo, LLC; Omaha Brew Bus, LLC; Serving Nebraska Health Transportation Agency; and Unity Transportation Services, Inc; to show cause why

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their authorities should not be revoked and why a civil penalty should not be assessed. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch 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.

In the Matter of completed Household Goods Mover License renewals. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewal of Coleman American Moving Services, Inc. ML-32.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion and action on pending legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 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 March 18, 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 March 17, 2025.



Chair



Executive Director