

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published April 28, 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 May 6, 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. Chair Schram introduced new Commission staff.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

NUSF-37.460: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Dagobah Systems, Inc., Respondent; and

NUSF-37.463: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Net2Phone 2.0 America, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an order Dismissing Complaint. 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 April 2025.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-080: In the Matter of Webster County, Public Safety Answering Point, Red Cloud, seeking approval for the operations of Public Safety Answering Point and the receipt of 911 Service System Funds. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Approving Application and Granting Request for Funding. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-124: In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a general rate increase. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter a notice of assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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E-2541: 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 Christian Mirch, 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.

E-2542: In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-122: In the Matter of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking approval of a natural gas general rate increase for Nebraska. Nichole Mulcahy informed the Commission that a hearing officer order was entered, setting a hearing for Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

MODF-19/PI-001: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to gather information regarding the current state of housing affordability and partner with various stakeholders to develop innovative housing solutions. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Opening Docket and Setting Workshop. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Mirch and second withdrawn by Commissioner Stocker. Item passed over.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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

B-2156: In the Matter of the Application of Leader Limo of Omaha, LLC d/b/a VIP Limo & VIP LimoBus, Omaha, seeking authority seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authorities held by VIP limousine, LLC and VIP LimoBus, LLC, in B-1640 and B-1641, respectively. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Granting Temporary Operating Authority.

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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 renewals of Inside and Outside Moving Company, ML-64; GoForth LLC dba Kearney Moving Service ML-57; Lincoln Relocation d/b/a Heartland Moving ML-22; and Live Grow Move LLC dba Jim's Moving and Delivery Co ML-61.

Report on Motor Transportation Complaints and Railroad complaints received by the Department during the April Month. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson informs the Commission of the Complaints received for April 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 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 May 13, 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 May 12, 2025.


Chair


Executive Director