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Notice was duly published May 8, 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 20, 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:

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-019/PI-118: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service; and

911-073/PI-232: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to consider recommendations of the Service System Advisory Committee for creation of a new funding system for Next Generation 911. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order Authorizing PSAP Payments. 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-11;

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, to enter assessment order CD-6;

NG-112.4: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a 2025 Systems Safety and Integrity Rider. to enter assessment order CD-9; and

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. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner

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Eric Kamler, to enter assessment order CD-4. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2543: 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 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.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GD-3086: In the Matter of the Application of the Gutzmann Company, Pender, Nebraska, seeking approval of Grain Dealers License. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Grain Dealer License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No motion was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Commission Meeting minutes for April 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Cullen Robbins to travel to and attend the NARUC Summer Policy Summit in Boston, Massachusetts from July 26, 2025 to July 30, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Tim Schram to travel to and attend the NARUC Summer Policy Summit in Boston, Massachusetts from July 27, 2025 to July 30, 2025 with lodging paid for by NARUC and all remaining expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:12 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 June 3, 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 June 2, 2025.

Chair

Executive Director

PRELIMINARY