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Notice was duly published June 9, 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 June 17, 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/NUSF DEPARTMENT

C-5635: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Arlington Telephone Company, The Blair Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company, and HunTel Cablevision Inc. d/b/a American Broadband Nebraska Communications, Inc., all d/b/a Fastwyre Broadband, Blair, Nebraska, jointly seeking authority to obtain debt financing. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Withdrawal of Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5645/DC-105: In the Matter of the Complaint of Cullen Robbins, Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Communications Department, Complainant, vs. Carriers: Crown Castle Fiber, LLC; Dalton Telecommunications, LLC; Dalton Telephone Company, LLC; Elsie Communications, LLC; First Communications, LLC; Five Nines Technology Group, LLC; GC Pivotal, LLC; GoDaddy.com, LLC; Hypercube Networks, LLC; inContact, Inc.; Impact Telecom, LLC; Quick Current-Nebraska, LLC; Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC; Sirius Computer Solutions, LLC; SQF, LLC; Teliix, Inc.; U.S. Telecom Long Distance, Inc.; Viaero Fiber Networks; Working Assets Funding Service. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Dismissing Complaint, In Part. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5648: In the Matter of the Application of Dean Jansen, Fordyce, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, 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.

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C-5650: In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Jackson, Nebraska, seeking approval of an Interconnection Agreement with CenturyLink QC, Monroe, Louisiana. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Approving Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-37.456: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant v. Skye Telecom LLC, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92.59: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program: Application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from NE Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Cellular. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting Viaero's request to cancel an awarded project. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92.63: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program; and

NUSF-92.64: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order approving stipulation. 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 informed the Commission of the complaints and outages received for the Month of May 2025.

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. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter assessment orders BW-3 and CD-12. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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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. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter assessment order CD-10. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2520: In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Lancaster County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an order cancelling authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2132: In the Matter of the Application of SHSH Transportation, LLC d/b/a SHSH Transportation, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan and van in and between points within Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, Cass, and Saunders counties over irregular routes pursuant to a contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, a medicaid-managed care organization under contract with NDHHS, or another agent working on behalf of NDHHS. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting 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 Transfer and Cancelling Certificates B-1640 and B-1641. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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

In the Matter of completed Household Goods Mover License renewals. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewals of A Helping Hand Moving, LLC ML-43; Action Movers ML-17; Chet's Transfer of Kearney, Inc. ML-10; Chet's Transfer, Inc.- Lincoln ML-16; CHHJ Lincoln, LLC d/b/a College Hunks Moving ML-21; Chieftain Van Lines, Inc. ML-35; City Delivery and Moving, Inc. ML-31; Cohagen Transfer & Storage Co.

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ML-02; David Tarrence dba Local Movers ML-23; Dudley Movers of Omaha, Inc. ML-36; Firefighters on the Move, LLC ML-27; Grizzly Movers, LLC ML-59; R & R Delivery ML-25; Select Van & Storage ML-28; Tymar, LLC d/b/a Second to None Moving ML-26; VonRentzell Van & Storage, Inc. ML-38; 10 Men Movers ML-60.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Dan Watermeier to travel to and attend the NARUC Summer Policy Summit in Boston, Massachusetts from July 27, 2025 to July 30, 2025 with all expenses to be reimbursed 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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 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 24, 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 23, 2025.



Chair



Executive Director