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Notice was duly published June 13, 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 24, 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 and Christian Mirch present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioners Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier present virtually. 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. Gage County Commissioner Emily Haxby offered public comment. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS/NUSF DEPARTMENT

C-5484: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year (Extension Request for Diller Telephone Company/Diode Cable Company - Plymouth West project). Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Granting Extension Request for Diller's Plymouth West project to Friday, August 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5484: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year (Extension Request for Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. d/b/a Hartelco - Projects A1, A2, B, and E). Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Extension Requests for Hartington Projects A1, A2, B, and E to Friday, July 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5484: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year (Extension Request for Pinpoint Communications, Inc. - Rural Beatrice 2, Rural Cook to Talmage, and Rural Oxford-Edison projects). Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Extension Requests for Pinpoint's Rural Beatrice 2, Rural Cook to Talmage to January 9, 2026, and Rural Oxford-Edison Projects to Friday, October 10, 2025. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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C-5600: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program in the 2024-2025 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order issuing grant awards. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an order approving the settlement agreement. Also, to enter an order approving loan repayment. Motions passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-101.1/PI-224: 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-13. Also, to enter a nunc pro tunc order BW-3;

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, to enter assessment order CD-5; and

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 Christian Mirch, to enter assessment orders CD-1 and CD-2. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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. Nichole Mulcahy informed the Commission a Hearing officer order was issued, setting the hearing for October 14 to October 17, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room and available via Webconference.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1951.04: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Black Diamond S&S, Scottsbluff, to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order Sustaining Show Cause

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and Revoking Certificate B-1951. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0006: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to collect and review data to compile the 2025 TNC Annual Report pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-343. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Opening Docket, Setting Procedural Schedule, and Seeking Data Submissions. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2122.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Hamza Logistics, LLC, 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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order Granting Rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

R&R 213: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 15, Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Rules and Regulations for general cleanup and updates and for consistency with Nebraska Legislative Bill 362 (2025). Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Adopting Proposed Rules and Issuing Certificate of Adoption. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 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 July 8, 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 July 7, 2025.



Chair



Executive Director