

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published July 11, 2025, on page 12 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on July 22, 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, Eric Kamler, 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:

## **NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT**

**NG-13:** In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to evaluate and establish, on a quarterly basis, an assessment for jurisdictional utilities pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1801 et seq. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter Progression Order No. 88. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**NG-102:** In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to review policies and practices relating to the administration of customer choice programs for natural gas service offered within the State of Nebraska;

**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; 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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter assessment orders CD-2 in Docket No. NG-102; CD-6 in Docket No. NG-122; and BW-1, CD-3, and CD-4 in Docket No. 124. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 14 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during the second quarter of 2025. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 10; NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 4.

**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

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Commission a hearing officer order was issued scheduling Town Hall Meetings on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 1:30PM and 7:00PM, and Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 10:00AM in the Commission Hearing Room and available via Webconference.

## **TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**B-1961.01:** In the Matter of the Application of Star Limo Party Bus, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority to extend its common carrier operations in Nebraska intrastate commerce by adding the ability to transport passengers by SUV and luxury and stretch limousines in limousine service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Extension. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-2155:** In the Matter of the Application of Your Time Delivery, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, van, and SUV in and between points in Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, and Washington counties 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.

In the Matter of completed Household Goods Mover License renewals. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewal of JTW Lincoln Inc. d/b/a Two Men and a Truck's, ML-06, Household Goods Mover License.

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

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

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 all 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.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Dillon Keiffer-Johnson to travel to and attend the FRA Annual State Rail Safety Managers Meeting in Austin, Texas from September 22, 2025 to September 26, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by

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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.

Executive Director's recommendation to enter into a contract with 911 Authority, LLC for the purposes of completion and publication of a Request for Proposal to identify qualified bidders for Nebraska's statewide next generation 911 (NG911) service providers and to provide consulting services for the ongoing transition to NG911. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The Chair's recommendation to appoint an Executive Director effective August 1, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. 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 10:17 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 5, 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 August 4, 2025.

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Chair

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Executive Director