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Notice was duly published July 25, 2025, on page 7 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on August 5, 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:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5368: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order closing Docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5639/NUSF-144: In the Matter of the Application of Verizon Value, Inc. f/k/a, TracFone Wireless seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Nebraska for the Limited Purpose of Providing Lifeline and NTAP Service to Qualifying Customers. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, 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.

C-5640: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2025 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an order closing Docket. 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; Respondents. Motion made by

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Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order sustaining telecom annual report complaint against remaining carriers. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5651/NUSF-146: In the Matter of the Application of Allo Communications, LLC, Lincoln, seeking to amend and expand its eligible telecommunications carrier designation. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5656: In the Matter of the Application of Elsie Communications, LLC, West Point, Georgia, seeking authority to add the trade name Highline;

C-5657: In the Matter of the Application of Dalton Telephone Company, LLC, West Point, Georgia, seeking authority to add the trade name Highline; and

C-5658: In the Matter of the Application of Dalton Telecommunications, LLC, West Point, Georgia, seeking authority to add the trade name Highline. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter Orders granting Applications. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5660: In the Matter of the Application of Consolidated Telephone Company, Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking authority to provide competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

AD-738r: In the Matter of the Application of Campaign Marketing Strategies, Inc., McLean, Virginia, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Chicago, Illinois;

AD-739r: In the Matter of the Application of Campaign Marketing Strategies, Inc., McLean, Virginia, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in New York, New York; and

AD-740r: In the Matter of the Application of Campaign Marketing Strategies, Inc., McLean, Virginia, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Los Angeles, California. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter Orders Approving Applications. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-133: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement standards for the verification of

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broadband service provider coverage and speed data. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, Cullen Robbins requests Commission approval to grant a late-filed waiver of speed testing for Southeast Nebraska Communications. 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 in the preceding month.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1963.01: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Red Star Transport, LLC, Atkinson, to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order to Show Cause and Schedule Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2067.02: In the Matter of the Application of Lionsgate Security Solutions, Inc., Omaha, seeking to extend its authority by removing from its authority the restriction of the number of vehicles it can operate. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order of Pending Dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2149: In the Matter of the Application of Grace Medical Transport, LLC, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan and SUV in and between points in Cass, Douglas, and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. 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.

B-2151: In the Matter of the Application of Tonke Transportation, LLC, Sioux City, Iowa, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van in and between points within Dakota and Douglas 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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order of Pending Dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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B-2157: In the Matter of the Application of Safepath Transportation, 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, between all points in Nebraska 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 Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Application. 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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Revising Procedural Schedule and Extending Data Submission Deadlines. 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 renewal. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewal of True Movers, LLC d/b/a Black Belt Movers ML-08.

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

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GW-405: In the Matter of the Application of Farmers Co-Operative, Pilger, Nebraska, requesting to terminate a Storage Contract in Accordance with the Provisions of Nebraska Rev. Stat. § 88-544 and 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 8-002.13. 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.

GD-3075: In the Matter of Bay State Milling Company, Quincy, Massachusetts: Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was reinstated on July 24, 2025.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to enter into an amendment to the Commission's contract with CostQuest Associates for the purpose of updating the State Broadband Cost Model (SBCM) used by the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department for the calculation and distribution of high-cost support. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch,

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seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to renew the Commission's contract with Intrado Life & Safety, Inc. for ECATS, MIS, Text Reporting, MIS Dashboard, and Wireless Routing Analysis, effective August 28, 2025 to August 27, 2026. 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 the Commission Meeting minutes for June 2025. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 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 August 19, 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 18, 2025.



Chair



Executive Director