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Notice was duly published August 7, 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 19, 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-5649/NUSF-145: In the Matter of the Application of United States Cellular Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, seeking authority to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an order granting withdrawal of ETC designation. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5661: In the Matter of the Application of Art O'Connor, Crofton, seeking authority to receive telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.; and **C-5655:** In the Matter of the Application of Kristy Wittler, Marquette, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Marquette Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Orders Granting Applications. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5272: 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 Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Closing Docket for 2021 NBBP. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-131 PO#4: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to establish reverse auction procedures and requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Adjusting Reverse Auction Speed Testing Requirements. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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TRS Remittance Requirements: Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve Cullen Robbins's request to grant a waiver of remittance deadlines for Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Peetz Cooperative Telephone Company, JBN Telephone Company, and Intralinks, Inc. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Federal Universal Service Fund Working Group: Cullen Robbins informs the Commission that the Federal Universal Service Funds Working Group has issued a request for comments.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-002: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the surcharge for the 911 Service System Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Scheduling Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order extending the time period that PSAPS may spend Legacy set aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-081: In the Matter of Originating Service providers seeking to establish an alternative timeframe for connecting to the NG911 network pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1029.04. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order approving alternative timeframe for Highline. 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. (Assessment Order CD-14);

NG-101.2: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of

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issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska. NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy.

(Assessment Order CD-7);

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. (Assessment Order CD-7); 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. (Assessment Orders BW-2, CD-5, CD-6). Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter Assessment Orders CD-14, CD-7, CD-7, BW-2, CD-5, and CD-6, respectively. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2141: In the Matter of the Application of I See You Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in Open Class service by van and SUV in and between points in Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, Dodge, Washington, and Lancaster counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Application as Amended. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2145: In the Matter of the application of Tama Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking to provide transportation as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in Open Class by van in and between points in Douglas county, on the one hand, and on the other hand, points in Washington and Sarpy counties over irregular routes pursuant to contracts with Express Home Healthcare, the North Omaha Area Health Clinic, and 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. RESTRICTION: Service provided to 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 are limited to clients of Express Home Healthcare and the North Omaha Area Health Clinic. 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-2147: In the Matter of the Application of The Poor Mans Limo, LLC, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Bus service with Charter designation in and between points in Antelope, Boone, Colfax, Cuming, Madison, Pierce, Platte, Stanton, and Wayne counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler,

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seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, 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-1714.04r: In the Matter of the Application of Family Empowerment Service, Inc., 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 Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-1966.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Mojo Mobility, 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 on an Emergency Basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2137.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Maryan Transportation, 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.

In the Matter of completed Household Goods Mover License renewal. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewal of Senior Moving Services, LLC ML-41.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GW-279/GWC-465: Terri Fritz, Director, Grain Warehouse and Grain Dealer Departments of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Farmers Cooperative, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve Terri Fritz's request for Commission approval to open Complaint against Farmers Cooperative. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GW-1036: In the Matter of Farmers Co-Op Association, Lindsay, Nebraska, seeking a deductible on its stock insurance higher than \$10,000. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Approving the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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Executive Director's recommendation to approve Jerry Kile to travel to and attend the 2025 AGRO Conference in Kansas City, Missouri from September 21, 2025 to September 24, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission;

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Robert Leigh to travel to and attend the 2025 AGRO Conference in Kansas City, Missouri from September 21, 2025 to September 24, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission;

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Bruce Liddy to travel to and attend the 2025 AGRO Conference in Kansas City, Missouri from September 21, 2025 to September 24, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission;

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Terri Fritz to travel to and attend the 2025 AGRO Conference in Kansas City, Missouri from September 21, 2025 to September 24, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission; and

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Matt Gross to travel to and attend the 2025 AGRO Conference in Kansas City, Missouri from September 21, 2025 to September 24, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 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 26, 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 25, 2025.



Chair



Executive Director