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Notice was duly published October 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 October 21, 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, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioner Eric Kamler attending virtually via Webex. 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-5623: In the Matter of the Application of TJ Cable & Underground Services LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to provide competitive local exchange 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.

C-5673: In the Matter of the Application of Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC, Orlando, Florida, seeking authority to withdraw its interexchange certificate of authority and cancel its tariff. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an order granting withdrawal of IXC authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5674: In the Matter of the Application of Austin Stuhr, Bradshaw, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hampton Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company. 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.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed

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with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

PI-256: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate requirements for carriers providing household goods moving services in Nebraska intrastate commerce. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order opening docket and scheduling workshop. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TNC-2: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the annual fee for Transportation Network Companies. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Setting Fee. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2141.01r: In the Matter of the Application of I See You 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 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.

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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter Progression Order No. 89. 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. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter assessment orders BW-4, CD-9 and CD-10. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 43 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during the third quarter of 2025. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 35; NorthWestern - 1; and Other Entities - 3.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to submit a letter of support to the Surface Transportation Board regarding the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern. 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.

Executive Director's recommendation to submit a deficit request for FY2026 and FY2027. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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 10:23 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 November 4, 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 November 3, 2025.



Chair



Executive Director