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Notice was duly published October 24, 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 November 4, 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 10:01 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

NUSF-1, PO#7: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Ooma, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to approve an audit extension request to July 30, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-1, PO#7: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Skype Communications US Corp. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to approve an audit extension request to March 31, 2026. 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. Also, The Communications Department is hosting an informational seminar on the rules regarding automatic-dialing announcing devices on Tuesday, November 18, at 1:30 p.m. Central Time, in the Commission Hearing Room & via Webex at: <http://psc.nebraska.gov/stream>.

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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Setting the Surcharge. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-126: In the Matter of the Application of Horizon Power and Light, LLC, Dallas, Texas, seeking authority to operate as a Competitive Natural Gas Provider in the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Granting Authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-127: In the Matter of the Application of Resource Energy Systems, LLC, Ellicott City, Maryland, seeking approval of a transfer of control to Conservice Parent, LLC, River Heights, Utah. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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.

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 Order BW-5. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-128: In the Matter of the Joint Application of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Black Hills Corporation, Rapid City, South Dakota, and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking approval of a merger. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter Notice of Assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2544: In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Boone County; and

E-2545: In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter Orders Granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1901.04: In the Matter of the Application of Safe & Reliable Transportation Services, Lincoln, seeking suspension of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-1901 until October 1, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting voluntary suspension until October 1, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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B-2044.03: In the Matter of the Application of Legacy Services Transportation, Omaha, seeking to extend its authority by altering its service type from a contract carrier to a common carrier in the transportation of passengers in open class service within the Omaha Metropolitan area and Dodge County over irregular routes and adding the ability to utilize SUVs in its service. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting extension of authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2077.02: In the Matter of the Application of Integrity Ride, LLC, Lincoln, seeking to extend its authority by removing the current restriction relating to the amount of vehicles that can be operated. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting extension of authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2085.02: In the Matter of the Application of Night Ryder Party Bus and Limo, LLC, Omaha, seeking suspension of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-2085 until August 3, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting voluntary suspension until August 3, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2169: In the Matter of the Application of Rollin Transportation, LLC, Verdigre, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority held by Rollin Transportation, LLC in B-2081, pursuant change in ownership. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting transfer of authority and cancelling Certificate B-2081. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GWC-468: Terri Fritz, Director, Grain Warehouse and Dealer Departments of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. Roberts Seed Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve Terri Fritz to open complaint against Roberts Seed Inc. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GW-2137: In the Matter of Grovijohn Feed & Seed Inc., Howells, Nebraska: Terri Fritz reports that the grain warehouse license was canceled as of October 8, 2025.

GD-2149/ GDC-467: Terri Fritz, Director, Grain Warehouse and Dealer Departments of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. Hansen-Mueller Co., Respondent.

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Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Approving Stipulated Agreement and Dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Kevin Stocker voting AYE, and Commissioner Dan Watermeier present not voting.

GD-3068: In the Matter of Northern Feed & Bean, Inc., Lucerne, Colorado: Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was canceled as of October 28, 2025.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Kevin Stocker to travel to and attend the NARUC Annual Meeting and Education Conference in Seattle, Washington from November 9, 2025 to November 11, 2025 with registration and lodging expenses to be paid by the Commission and travel costs to be reimbursed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker present not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve James Almond to travel to and attend the NENA Standards and Best Practices meeting and the Critical Issues Forum in New Orleans, Louisiana from January 11, 2026 to January 16, 2026 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 Christian Nielsen to travel to and attend the NENA Standards and Best Practices meeting and the Critical Issues Forum in New Orleans, Louisiana from January 11, 2026 to January 16, 2026 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. 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.

Executive Director's recommendation to modify the Commission's Schedule of Fees to increase the Moisture Meter Inspection fees, effective immediately. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker present not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation for the Commission to enter into a contract with Guidehouse, Inc. to receive support services related to the Capital Projects Fund ("CPF") program. 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.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:46 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 18, 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 17, 2025.

Chair

Executive Director

PRELIMINARY