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Notice was duly published November 7, 2025, on page 5 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on November 18, 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 Eric Kamler, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioner Christian Mirch absent. 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-5670: In the Matter of the Application of SQF, LLC, Portland, Maine, seeking approval of a transfer of control. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

C-5682/PI-257: In the matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to review and consider the impact upon Nebraskans of a merger transaction between Windstream Parent, Inc. and Uniti Group Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an order opening the docket and seeking comments by January 23, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

CPF-1: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting CenturyLink's second extension request of the Clarkson Project deadline to September 30, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

CPF-2: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting Pinpoint's extension request for the Syracuse to Palmyra Project deadline to June 4, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

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CPF-2: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting Great Plains Communications' extension requests for their Brunswick, Emmet, and McCook South Project deadlines to June 4, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

CPF-2: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an order granting Midstate's extension request for their Boone County Project deadline to February 28, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

CPF-2: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company an extension request for their Polk County Project deadline to June 6, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

CPF-2: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting Allo Communications, Inc's extension request for its North Ogallala Project deadline to June 4, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

CPF-2: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an order granting Vistabeam's extension requests to June 4, 2026 for its North ScottsBluff Project deadline and to September 4, 2026 for its Morrill Highway 26 Project deadline. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

NUSF-33/PI-68: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Audit Waiver Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

NUSF-139 PO#9: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to consider appropriate modifications to the high-cost distribution and reporting mechanisms in its Universal Service Fund program in light of federal and state infrastructure grants. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an order issuing opinions and findings. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-018/ PI-117: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to establish audit requirements related to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Regarding Audit Waiver Requests. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

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;

NG-101.2: 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. NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy;

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; and

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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter assessment orders CD-15, CD-8, CD-11 and CD-12, and CD-1, respectively. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

HOUSING & RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

MANF-18: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to determine the seal fee amount for the Manufactured Home Program. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Setting the Seal Fee. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

MODF-19/PI-001: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to gather information regarding the current state of housing affordability

and partner with various stakeholders to develop innovative housing solutions. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Closing the Docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

MODF-20: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to determine the seal fee amount for the Modular Housing Program. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Setting the Seal Fee. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

RVF-19: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to determine the fees for the Recreational Vehicle Program. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Setting the Fees. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2076: In the Matter of the Application of Happy Hour Party Bus, LLC, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by Bus in Special Pary service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order of pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

B-2098.02: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Hudson Sherlock Holdings, LLC d/b/a Nebraska Party Bus, Omaha, to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order scheduling Show Cause. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

B-2130: In the Matter of the Application of The Good Care, 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 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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order of pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

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B-2136: In the Matter of the Application of Statewide Taxi Service LLC, Beatrice, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passenger in taxicab service by van in and between points in Gage, Thayer, Jefferson, Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson and Saline counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

B-2153: In the Matter of the Application of Finafa Family Services Counseling and Consulting, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van in and 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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting extension. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

B-2161: In the Matter of the Application of Evans Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska interstate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van in and between points within the city limits of Omaha and within a 50 miles radius of Omaha 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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

B-2162: In the Matter of the Application of Vitalmove, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van in and between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker,

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seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

B-2164: In the Matter of the Application of L.E. Services, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van and sedan in and between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties and within a 60 mile radius of Omaha 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 to provide Medicaid NEMT service. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order scheduling a hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

B-2165: In the Matter of the Application of Better Care Mobility, LLC, Roca, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, SUV, and van in and between points in Cass, Gage, Lancaster, and Saline counties 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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

PI-258: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the use of transportation network companies to provide the transportation of railroad carrier employees. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order opening docket and scheduling hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

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. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson informs the Commission of the agenda for the November 19, 2025 workshop.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GW-2204: In the Matter of the Application of Midwest Grains of Sutherland, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking approval of Grain Warehouse License. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation for the Commission to enter into a contract with Public Safety Network Americas ("PSN Americas") for the use of their 911Logix platform as the State 911 Department's NG911 reporting system. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Commission Meeting minutes for September and October 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the 2026 Commission Meeting schedule. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present, and Commissioner Christian Mirch absent. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 2, 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 December 1, 2025.

Chair

Executive Director