

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published December 1, 2025, on page 6 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on December 9, 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 Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, 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. Chris Dibber, Public Advocate, offered words of thanks to those who participated in the Black Hills Energy Rate Case (NG-124). No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

## **COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**C-5680:** In the Matter of the Application of TerraCom Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, seeking to discontinue using the trade name Maxsip Tel. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5681:** In the Matter of the Application of Norman and Ramona Lancaster, North Platte, each seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hershey Exchange of the Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company. 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.

**Panda Mobile: NUSF, 911; U.S. TelePacific Corp: NUSF; Nextiva: TRS:** Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to approve one-time late fee waivers for multiple worksheets in the initial filing. 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.

## **NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT**

**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 an Order Approving Settlement Agreements. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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**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-6. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## **TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

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

**B-2000.01r:** In the Matter of the Application of CJ's Party Bus, LLC, Bellevue, seeking to amend 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 on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-2089.03r:** In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Taxi 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 on an emergency basis. 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 November 2025. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson informs the Commission of the Complaints received for November 2025.

## **LEGISLATIVE**

Discussion on pending legislation. No Motion was made.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Tim Schram to travel to and attend the MARC Winter Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas from January 22, 2026 to January 24, 2026 with lodging and travel costs covered by MARC, and registration costs reimbursed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded

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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 Commissioner Kevin Stocker to travel to and attend the MARC Winter Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas from January 22, 2026 to January 24, 2026 with lodging and travel costs covered by MARC, and registration costs reimbursed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, 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 Commissioner Dan Watermeier to travel to and attend the MARC Winter Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas from January 22, 2026 to January 24, 2026 with lodging and travel costs covered by MARC, and registration costs reimbursed by the Commission. 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 Commissioner Tim Schram to travel to and attend the NARUC Winter Summit Policy in Washington, D.C. from February 7, 2026 to February 11, 2026 with lodging paid by NARUC and all other expenses paid by the Commission. 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 Commissioner Kevin Stocker to travel to and attend the NARUC Winter Summit Policy in Washington, D.C. from February 7, 2026 to February 11, 2026 with travel costs to be reimbursed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker present not voting.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:22 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 December 16, 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 15, 2025.

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Chair

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Executive Director