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Notice was duly published December 5, 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 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 Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioner Eric Kamler present 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. Chair Schram announced the retirement of Commission staff, Cheryl Elton and Suzie Hinzman.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5685/PI-259: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, to investigate standard crossing fees charged for telecommunications companies to access rights-of-way controlled by railroad carriers. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order opening docket and seeking comment. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5484: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order approving second extension request (Pinpoint – Rural Beatrice 2). Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioners Christian Mirch and Kevin Stocker present not voting.

NUSF-150: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to explore additional funding opportunities in the Telehealth Program. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Opening Docket, Seeking Comment, and Setting Workshop. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Combined Public Communications, LLC., Content Guru Inc., Dagabah Systems Inc., Global Connections Inc of America., Interface Security Systems LLC: Cullen Robbins discussed NUSF Remittance Complaints opened against Combined Public Communications, LLC., Content Guru, Inc., Dagobah Systems Inc., Global Connections Inc of America., Interface Security Systems, LLC.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

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

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-49.5: In the Matter of the Application of Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC, Houston, Texas, seeking approval of a transfer of control to Hexagon Acquisition, LLC, Houston, Texas. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an order approving the 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; 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 Christian Mirch, to enter assessment orders CD-13, CD-2 and CD-3, respectively. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1963.01: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Red Star Transport, LLC, Atkinson, to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order sustaining show cause and revoking authority B-1963. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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

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

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

B-2180: In the Matter of the Application of Catch A Ride Taxi and Transportation, LLC, Kearney, seeking authority to acquire, through transfer and acquisition of control through stock transfer, the authority held by Catch A Ride Taxi and Transportation, LLC. Temporary operating authority is sought. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting temporary operating authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

ML-71: In the Matter of the Application of Omaha Moving Company, Omaha, seeking a license to provide household goods moving services in Nebraska intrastate commerce between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0006: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to collect and review data to compile the 2025 TNC Annual Report pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-343. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order to approve filing of the 2025 Annual Report to the Legislature on the status of the implement of LB-629 (2015). 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 Paid in Full Transportation, LLC d/b/a Black Belt Movers ML-37.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No Motion was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to adopt the revised and updated job duties and job description for the Executive Director position. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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 adopt the revised and updated description of duties for Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by

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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 approve Cullen Robbins to travel to and attend the NARUC Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C. from February 7, 2026 to February 11, 2026 with 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 10:32 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 January 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director