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Notice was duly published January 9, 2026, 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 January 13, 2026, 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, Eric Kamler, 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. No public comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

## **COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**C-5600:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program in the 2024-2025 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Revising Grant Award. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5678/ NUSF-149:** In the Matter of the Application of Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., Bellevue, Washington, seeking authority to expand its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation for the purpose of providing NTAP and Lifeline services in additional wire centers. 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.

**NUSF-1, PO #6:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Fund: Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.; and

**NUSF-1, PO #6:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Glenwood Telecommunications. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to approve Cullen Robbins to grant audit extension requests to January 30, 2026, for the 2024 NUSF payment audits otherwise due December 31, 2025. 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 Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Telmate LLC., d/b/a ViaPath Technologies. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to approve Cullen Robbins to grant an audit extension request to March 1, 2026 for the NUSF Remittance Audit Report otherwise due December 31, 2025. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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**NUSF-1, PO#7:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Mitel Cloud Services Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve Cullen Robbins to grant an audit extension request to March 31, 2026 for the 2024 NUSF Remittance Audit Report otherwise due December 31, 2025. 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

**E-2547:** 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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 25 Consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during the fourth quarter of 2025. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 20; NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 5.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

**B-2099:** In the Matter of the Application of CR Medical Transport, LLC, Lincoln, 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 in Lancaster County 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, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-2160:** In the Matter of the Application of Radiant Transit, LLC, Lincoln, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, van, and SUV between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting application as amended. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-2179:** In the Matter of the Application of Ever Blessed Nursing & Transport, LLC, Papillion, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class by van in and between points within Cass,

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Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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.

**MT-0001.06:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its Own Motion, seeking to address certain carriers in non-compliance with annual renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order to Dismiss, in Part. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**PI-260:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate whether pedal pubs are a Commission regulated motor carrier. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order opening docket, seeking comments, and scheduling a Hearing. 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 December 2025.** Dillon Keiffer-Johnson informs the Commission of the Complaints received for December 2025.

## GRAIN DEPARTMENT

**GW-1036 et al.:** In the Matter of the attached list of completed grain warehouse license renewals for the 4th Quarter of 2025. Terri Fritz reports on the 4th Quarter grain warehouse renewal licenses.

**GD-2903:** In the Matter of Hawkeye Commodities Company, Grimes, Iowa: Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was canceled as of December 31, 2025.

**GD-1036:** In the Matter of the attached list of completed grain dealer license renewals for the 4th Quarter of 2025. Terri Fritz reports on the 4th Quarter grain dealer renewal licenses.

## LEGISLATIVE

**LB 771:** Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to monitor the progress of LB 771. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**LB 830:** Discussion on pending legislation. No Motion was made.

**LB 888:** Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to support the bill and provide

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

**LB 894:** Discussion and action on pending legislation; and

**LB 895:** Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to support and provide testimony for both LB 894 and LB 895. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

**Executive Director's recommendation to approve the minutes for the November and December 2025 Commission Meetings:** Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to approve the minutes. 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 10:53 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 21, 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 20, 2026.



Chair



Executive Director