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Notice was duly published January 15, 2026, 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 January 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Vice Chair Commissioner Kevin Stocker called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Eric Kamler and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioners Christian Mirch and Tim Schram joining virtually. Commissioner Schram joined the meeting in person shortly after it was called to order. Vice Chair Stocker 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 & NUSF DEPARTMENT

C-5686: In the Matter of the Application of Coleen Suing, St. Helena, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hartington Exchange of the Hartington Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order authorizing application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-139: 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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order authorizing payments. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-37.466: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Dagobah Systems, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order dismissing complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-13: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to evaluate and establish, on a quarterly basis, an assessment for jurisdictional utilities pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1801 et seq. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter Progression Order No. 90. 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; 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-14, CD-4 and CD-5, respectively. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

ML-01.01: In the Matter of the Application of NCM Transport Co., Inc. d/b/a Budget Movers, Bennington, Nebraska, seeking to reinstate its license to provide household goods moving services in Nebraska intrastate commerce between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Reinstatement of License. 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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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.

In the Matter of completed Household Goods Mover License renewal: Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewal of Maxx Moving Hauling & Delivery LLC ML-56.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 830: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to remain neutral and submit a letter. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LB 1162: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to support and provide testimony. 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 Nathan Wolfgang to travel to and attend OJT Training in Salina, Kansas from January 26, 2026 to January 29, 2026 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian

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Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Tim Schram excused not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Matthew Darrington to travel to and attend MP&E Fundamentals I Training in Pueblo, Colorado from February 2, 2026 to February 6, 2026 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Tim Schram excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 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 February 3, 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 February 2, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director