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Notice was duly published January 30, 2026, 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 February 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair 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. No public comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS & NUSF DEPARTMENT

AD-742: In the Matter of the Application of University of Maryland Global Campus, Adelphi, Maryland, seeking authority to connect an automatic dialing-announcing device in Santa Clara, California; and

AD-743: In the Matter of the Application of University of Maryland Global Campus, Adelphi, Maryland, seeking authority to connect an automatic dialing-announcing device in Atlanta, Georgia. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Orders approving applications. 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: Peerless Network of Nebraska, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve Cullen Robbins request to grant an audit extension request to June 30, 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.

NUSF-133, PO#3: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement standards for the verification of broadband service provider coverage and speed data. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order further revising speed testing requirements. 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-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

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and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska. Black Hills Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, and Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy;

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; 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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter assessment orders CD-16, CD-9, and CD-6 and CD-7, respectively. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2546: In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Dawes County. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, 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.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2085.02: In the Matter of the Application of Night Ryder Party Bus and Limo, LLC, Omaha, seeking suspension of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-2085 until August 3, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order dismissing suspension and reinstating authority B-2085. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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

B-2167: In the Matter of the Application of Wellness Portal, Bellevue, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, van, SUV, in and between points within a 75-mile radius of the city limits of Omaha and in and between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting application as

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

B-1718.02r: In the Matter of the Application of Leisure Limousine & Sedan Service, Inc., d/b/a Van Go of Nebraska seeking to amend its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Emergency Approval sought; and
B-1928.02r: In the Matter of the Application of Leisure Party Bus & Limousine, Inc., seeking to amend its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Emergency Approval sought. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Orders granting rates on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stockers and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2181.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Integrated Business Concepts, LLC d/b/a VET'd Transportation Services, Omaha, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Emergency Approval sought. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, 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.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 996: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to oppose LB 996 and offer testimony before the Committee. 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 January 2026 Commission Meetings. 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 10:33 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 24, 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 23, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director