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Notice was duly published February 26, 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 March 17, 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 Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioner Eric Kamler attending virtually. 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

C-5689: In the Matter of the Application of BKLG, LLC, Grand Island, seeking authority to receive telecommunications capability service from the Doniphan Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, 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#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: UComeTel, Inc;

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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: SCS Communications, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to approve Cullen Robbins' request to grant audit extension requests 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#4: 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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting waivers of ongoing speed testing. 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.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-068/PI-215: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to implement provisions of LB 993 [2018] and establish a funding mechanism for next generation 911 service pursuant to the 911 Service System Act. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Closing the Docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-127.1: In the Matter of the Application of Resource Energy Systems, LLC, Ellicott City, Maryland, seeking approval of an indirect change of control of TGP (PE Funds), Fort Worth, Texas. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, 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-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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter assessment orders CD-8 and CD-9. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2548: 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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, 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-1912.01: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Grand Island Party Bus, LLC, Grand Island, to show cause why action should not be taken against its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order to show cause and schedule Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2175: In the Matter of the Application of Dream Season, LLC, Richmond, Texas, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers 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 Human Services, a medicaid-managed care organization under contract with NDHHS, or another agent working on behalf of NDHHS. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion

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made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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-2177: In the Matter of the Application of Express Care Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, van, and SUV in Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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-2182: In the Matter of the Application of Everlasting Care Home Health Services, LLC, Bennington, 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 Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties 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 Christian Mirch, 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-2183: In the Matter of the Application of Li-Ya Reliable Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van in and between points within a 100-mile radius of the Douglas County Courthouse over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. 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.

B-2190: In the Matter of the Application of Bus It and Booze It, LLC, Norfolk, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Charter service by bus in and between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. 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, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker present not voting.

ML-65.01: In the Matter of the Application of Knockout Movers LLC, 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 the License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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MT-0005.01: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require At Your Service, LLC; Black Votes Matter Institute of Community Engagement d/b/a North Omaha Legacy Tours; Caring Hearts Transportation; Chief School Bus Service, Inc. Comfort Squad Medical Transport; Davis Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Ollie The Trolley; Family Empowerment Service, Inc.; Justin Sanango d/b/a Just In Time Medical Transportation; Mojo Mobility, LLC; The Community Transportation Services, LLC; and Zogar Wheels; to show cause why their authorities should not be revoked and why a civil penalty should not be assessed. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, 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.

B-2168.01r: In the Matter of the Application of BTL Concierge Service, LLC d/b/a Be The Light Concierge Service, Doniphan, 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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, 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

Discussion on pending legislation. No motions were made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Nathan Wolfgang to travel to and attend on the job training in Kansas City, Missouri from April 13, 2026 to April 16, 2026. A State vehicle will be provided, a hotel will be paid for by the Commission, and meal costs will be reimbursed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to approve the travel request. 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 USAC Quarterly Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. from April 26, 2026 to April 28, 2026, with all expenses to be reimbursed by USAC. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to approve the travel request. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the minutes for the February 2026 Commission Meetings. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker 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 10:39 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 March 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 March 23, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director

PRELIMINARY