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Notice was duly published April 2, 2026, 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 April 2, 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. Commissioner Schram welcomed Stephanie Welker and Purva Deshmukh to Commission Staff.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS & NUSF DEPARTMENT

C-5694: In the Matter of the Application of CBTS Technology Solutions LLC, Cincinnati, Ohio, seeking authority to withdraw its local and interexchange certificates of authority and cancel its tariffs. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting withdrawal of CLEC and IXC authorities (CBTS Technology Solutions LLC). Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5695: In the Matter of the Application of Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, Hershey, Nebraska, seeking authority to operate as an interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, 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-33/PI-68: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Audit Waiver Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92 PO#10: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its Own Motion, to Administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Closing Pilot Program. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-108: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and to make revisions to its reporting requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter and Order Granting Motion to Modify NUSF

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Funding (Arapahoe). Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF 37.469: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. CallShaper, LLC, Respondent;

NUSF-37.476: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Net2Phone 2.0 America, Inc, Respondent;

NUSF-37.478: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Peerless Network of Nebraska, LLC., Respondent; and

NUSF-37.482: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Zultys, Inc., Inc, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter Orders Dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRS-31: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. AMG Technology Investment Group, LLC, Respondent;

TRS-32: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Dalton Telephone Company, Respondent;

TRS-33: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Elsie Communications, LLC, Respondent;

TRS-35: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Inc., Respondent;

TRS-37: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Intralinks, Inc, Respondent; and

TRS-38: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. iTalk Global Communications, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Dismissing Complaint. 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

911-078/ DC-104/ C-5596: In the Matter of David Sankey, Director of the State 911 Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission vs Windstream. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an

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

RULES AND REGULATIONS

R&R 213: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 15, Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Rules and Regulations for general cleanup and updates and for consistency with Nebraska Legislative Bill 362 (2025). 911 Department Director, Dave Sankey, informs the Commission that Chapter 15, 911 Services Rules and Regulations updated in docket R&R 213 were approved and signed by the Governor and made effective on April 4, 2026.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an order approving an interim rate refund plan. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-129: In the Matter of the Application of Ryan J. Bourlier, Kimball, seeking authority to operate as an Aggregator in the State of Nebraska. 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.

NG-130: In the Matter of the Application of CBRE, Inc., Dallas, Texas, seeking authority to operate as an Aggregator in the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker voting NAY.

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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter assessment orders CD-15 and CD-16. CD-10 and CD-11, respectively.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 17 Consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during the first quarter of 2026. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 13; NorthWestern - 1; and Other Entities - 3. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MCC-3212: In the Matter of Dillon Keiffer-Johnson, Director of the Motor Transportation Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Byers Bunch, LLC, Ogallala, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-1322.02: In the Matter of the Application of Limo One, Inc. d/b/a Old Market Limousine, Papillion, seeking cancellation and revocation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No. B-1322. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting cancellation of Certificate No. B-1322. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-1801.04: In the Matter of the application of City Taxi seeking a waiver of the requirements of 291 Neb. Admin Code Ch. 3 § 006.04. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order denying waiver request. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2050.02: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require LeRezo, LLC, Omaha, 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 Eric Kamler, to enter an Order show cause and schedule hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2061.05: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require 360 Transportation Services, LLC, Omaha, 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-2176: In the Matter of the Application of Hope Medical Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in taxicab service by van in and between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order scheduling Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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; Carign Hearts Transportation; Chief School Bus

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Service, Inc. Comfort Squad Medical Transport; Davis Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Ollie The Trolley; Family Empowerment Service, Inc.; Justin Sango 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 Christian Mirch, 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.

Report on Motor Transportation Complaints and Railroad complaints received by the Department during the March, 2026. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson informs the Commission of the Complaints received for March, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No motions were made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Shana Knutson to travel to and attend the National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys in Phoenix, Arizona from May 3, 2026 to May 6, 2026, with all 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.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Dan Watermeier to travel to and attend the 2026 MARC Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin from June 7, 2026 to June 10, 2026. MARC will provide \$1000 expense stipend and pay for lodging. The Commission will reimburse any expenses over the \$1000 covered by MARC. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Upcoming statewide transition from Webex to Microsoft Teams. Executive Director discussed the upcoming transition from Webex to Microsoft Teams for Nebraska State Agencies, including the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 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 April 28, 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 April 27, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director