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Notice was duly published May 6, 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 May 19, 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 10:01 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

WC-25-208: Accelerating Network Modernization; and

WC-25-311: Reforming Legacy Rules for an All-IP Future. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to approve Cullen Robbins's request to file comments with the FCC in response to the above-captioned dockets. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5484: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Motion to Modify Project Area (Cox). Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

CPF-2: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Granting Second Extension of Project Deadline to September 1, 2026 for Vistabeam's North Scottsbluff Project. 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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting Motion to Modify NUSF Funding (Pierce). Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-150: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to explore additional funding opportunities in the Telehealth program. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order to Adopt a Telehealth Pilot Program and Set the Program Window for Filing. Motion

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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

911-082: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the 911 Service System Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Authorizing PSAP Payments. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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 Kevin Stocker, to enter an order. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-132: In the Matter of the Application of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking authority to issue debt securities. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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 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-112.4: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a 2025 System Safety and Integrity Rider;

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;

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; and

NG-132: In the Matter of the Application of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking authority to issue debt securities. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter assessment orders CD-17, CD-11, CD-17, CD-12 and CD-13, and CD-1, respectively.

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

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MCC-3216: In the Matter of Dillon Keiffer-Johnson, Director of the Motor Transportation Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Bus it and Booze it, LLC, Norfolk, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order dismissing complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker voting NAY.

B-2180: In the Matter of the Application of Catch A Ride Taxi and Transportation, LLC, Kearney, seeking authority to acquire, through transfer and acquisition of control through stock transfer, the authority held by Catch A Ride Taxi and Transportation, LLC. Temporary operating authority is sought. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, 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-2191: In the Matter of the Application of Midwest Transport Services, LLC, seeking authority as a contract carrier 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 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-2173.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Doing Time Transportation, LLC, Omaha, 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 Eric Kamler, to enter an Order approving rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2177.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Express Care Transportation, LLC, Omaha, 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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order approving rates. 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 10 Men Movers LLC ML-60 and GoForth LLC dba Kearney Moving Service ML-57.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GD-2149: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission seeking to determine potential grain dealer claims to the security of previously licensed grain dealer, Hansen-Mueller Co., Omaha, Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order approving grain dealer claims. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GD-2976/ GDC-469: In the Matter of Terri Fritz, Grain Warehouse and Grain Dealer Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. Lackawanna Products Corp., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, 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.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Dan Watermeier to travel to and attend the 2026 NARUC Summer Policy Summit in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 17, 2026 to July 22, 2026 with all expenses to be paid for and/or reimbursed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, 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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 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 June 2, 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 June 1, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director