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Notice was duly published August 24, 2026, on page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on September 1, 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 10:04 a.m. with Commissioners Christian Mirch, Eric Kamler, 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 offered. No announcements made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS & NUSF DEPARTMENT

C-5716: In the matter of the joint application of Great Plains Communications, LLC, Blair, Nebraska; Great Plains Broadband LLC, Blair, Nebraska; and Great Plains Communications Long Distance LLC, Blair, Nebraska, seeking approval of an indirect transfer of control to Rightfiber Holdings, LLC, Washington, D.C. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Granting 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 Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Increasing High-Cost Distribution Budget and Authorizing Payments. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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 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 Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy;

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-133: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a 2027 Systems Safety and Integrity Rider. Motion

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made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter Assessment Orders CD-19, CD-10, CD-18, CD-1, respectively. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2555: In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Lancaster County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, 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 present not voting.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MCC-3220: In the Matter of Dillon Keiffer-Johnson, Director of the Motor Transportation Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Myles A. Lammers d/b/a Busaround Trolley, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, 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-1784.01: In the Matter of the Application of Cooter, LLC, Columbus, seeking cancellation and revocation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No. B-1784. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Cancelling Certificate B-1784. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2192: In the Matter of the Application of StarMed, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract carrier in 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 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-2207: In the Matter of the Application of MNG Enchanted Executive Transportation, LLC d/b/a MNG Executive Transportation, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in Limousine service by Van in and between points in Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Otoe, and Lancaster Counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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.

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MT-0006.01: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to collect and review data to compile the 2026 TNC Annual Report pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-343. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Scheduling Show Cause Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0007.03: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, examining the operations of A Book of Life HomeCare, LLC, under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-303. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Finding Exemption under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-303. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0007.04: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, examining the operations of The Santee Health & Wellness Center, under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-303. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Finding Exemption under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-303. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch present not voting.

ML-76: In the Matter of the Application of The Other Place, 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 Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting License. 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 FY2027-FY2029 biennial budget request package. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve the FY2027-FY2029 biennial budget request package. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 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 September 15, 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 September 14, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director