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Notice was duly published September 15, 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 22, 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 offered. No announcements made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS & NUSF DEPARTMENT

C-5682/PI-257: In the matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to review and consider the impact upon Nebraskans of a merger transaction between Windstream Parent, Inc. and Uniti Group, Inc. A vote was held on this matter. After the meeting, an administrative error was noticed, and the vote will therefore be considered null. The vote will be revisited at a future Commission meeting.

C-5715: In the matter of the application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, CenturyLink Communications, LLC, United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink, and Lumen Technologies, Inc., each of Monroe, Louisiana, jointly seeking approval of a transfer of control. 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-37.475: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Magna5, LLC, 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.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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 made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter

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assessment orders CD-2 and CD-3. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2556: In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Richardson County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting the permit. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker present not voting.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GD-2916 /GDC-472:

In the Matter of Terri Fritz, Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Grain Dealer Department, Complainant, v. The Andersons, Inc., Respondent.. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, 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.

GD-3098: In the Matter of the Application of 9 Valley Grain, Inc., Cambridge, Nebraska, seeking approval of Grain Dealer License. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Grain Dealer 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 updates to the Commission's Procurement and Contract Policy. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to approve the Commission's Procurement and Contract Policy. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve 911 Field Coordinator, James Almond, for travel and attendance of the NASNA Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from October 12, 2026, to October 16, 2026. All expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to approve the travel authorization. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve 911 Director, Dave Sankey, for travel and attendance of the NASNA Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from October 12, 2026, to October 16, 2026. All expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to approve the

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travel authorization. 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 29, 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 28, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director

PRELIMINARY