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Notice was duly published September 21, 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 September 29, 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

CPF-1: 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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Extension of Time for Closeout Documentation. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5718/NUSF-155: In the matter of the application of Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Aurora, Nebraska, seeking to expand its eligible telecommunications carrier designation. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Withdrawal of Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5724/NUSF-156: In the matter of the application of Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Jackson, Nebraska, seeking to expand its eligible telecommunications carrier designation. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Expansion of ETC Designation. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Closing Investigation and Requiring Ongoing Reporting. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

FC-1371: Gail Anderson, Complainant, v. Windstream Nebraska, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter

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an Order Dismissing Formal Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-25, PO#48: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for the purpose of certifying the use of Federal Universal Service Support; and

NUSF-66: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for the purpose of certifying the use of State Universal Service Support. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Certifying High-Cost Carriers for State and Federal Universal Service Support in the 2027 Program Year. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Annual Report: 2026 Annual Report on Telecommunications to the Legislature. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to approve the 2026 Annual Report on Telecommunications. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-117.1: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of an extension to the voluntary renewable natural gas and carbon offset program. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter a Notice of Assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch voting NAY.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2068.04: In the Matter of the Application of Oswine Logistics, LLC, d/b/a Oswine Logistics, Omaha, seeking to voluntarily cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-2068. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Voluntary Cancellation of B-2068. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2167: In the Matter of the Application of Wellness Portal, Bellevue, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, van, SUV, in and between points within a 75-mile radius of the city limits of Omaha and in and between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes;

B-2171: In the Matter of the Application of Inclusive Ride, LLC, Lincoln, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in

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Open Class service by sedan, van, and SUV in and between points in Douglas, Lancaster, and Saunders 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. to enter an Order of Pending Dismissal; and

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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter Orders of Pending Dismissal of B-2167, B-2171, and B-2190 respectively. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2198: In the Matter of the Application of National Health Transport, LLC, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in Open Class service in and between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler 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.

ML-78: In the Matter of the Application of Bearded Men Moving Company, LLC, Fremont, 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.

PI-261: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate sexual assault and sexual harassment complaint reporting and related safety practices of Transportation Network Companies operating in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order Opening Investigation, Seeking Comments, and Scheduling Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker 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.

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B-1351.03r: In the Matter of the Application of Midwest Special Services, Inc., Curtis, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Emergency Action Requested. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order Granting Rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2185.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Med Smart Billing, LLC d/b/a 100CareRide, Lincoln, 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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler 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.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner, Tim Schram, for travel and attendance of the USAC October Quarterly Meeting in Washington, D.C., from October 25, 2026, to October 27, 2026. USAC will reimburse all expenses. Upfront expenses paid by Commissioner Schram who will request reimbursement from USAC. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to approve Commissioner, Tim Schram, for travel and attendance of the USAC October Quarterly Meeting in Washington, D.C., from October 25, 2026, to October 27, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 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 October 6, 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 October 5, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director