Chairman Gerald Vap called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present and Commissioner Frank Landis excused. Chairman Vap announced 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 comments were received and no announcements were made.

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published December 1, 2015 on Page 5 of <u>The Daily Record</u> that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held December 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

# Tuesday, December 8, 2015:

1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
B-1910 In the Matter of Crescent Transport, LLC, Crescent, Iowa, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce. Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

## Wednesday, December 9, 2015:

9:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
B-1910 In the Matter of Crescent Transport, LLC, Crescent, Iowa, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce. Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4773/ In the Matter of the Application of TracFone Wireless NUSF-103 Inc., Miami, Florida, seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Nebraska for the limited purpose of offering lifeline service to qualified households. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order dismissing the application without prejudice. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4796 In the Matter of the Application of Traci Hartley, Bassett, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Long Pine Exchange of Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter a notice of pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

C-4802 In the Matter of the Application of Hypercube Telecom, LLC, Lancaster, Texas, seeking approval of a name change to West Telecom Services, LLC: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

C-4800 In the Matter of the Application of Citizens
Telecommunications Company of Nebraska d/b/a Frontier
Communications of Nebraska, Mound, Minnesota, seeking approval of an
Interconnection Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Dallas,
Texas: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by
Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order approving the application.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim
Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused
not voting.

- E-2409 In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Lancaster County; and
- E-2410 In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter orders granting applications E-2409 and E-2410. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

- 911-042.01 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Nemaha County
- 911-042.03 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Clay County;

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

- 911-042.07 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Johnson County;
- 911-042.08 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of Falls City;
- 911-042.24 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Fillmore County;
- 911-042.28 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Seward County;
- 911-042.30 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Jefferson County;
- 911-042.36 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Nuckolls County;
- 911-042.39 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Cass County;
- 911-042.41 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of Beatrice;
- 911-042.56 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: York County;
- 911-042.60 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Thayer County; and
- 911-042.61 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Otoe County:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter orders approving funding in Dockets 911-042.01, 911-042.03, 911-042.07, 911-042.08, 911-042.24, 911-042.28, 911-042.30, 911-042.36, 911-042.39, 911-042.41, 911-042.56, 911-042.60, and 911-042.61: Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

Sue Vanicek informed the Commission that due to inclement weather the Wireless E911 Advisory Board Meeting originally scheduled for November 30, 2015, has been rescheduled for December 14, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

NUSF-100/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on PI-193 its own motion, to consider revisions to the Universal Service Fund Contribution methodology: Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter a Supplemental Protective Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

NUSF-103/ In the Matter of the Application of TracFone Wireless,
C-4773 Inc., Miami, Florida, seeking designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Nebraska for the
limited purpose of offering Lifeline service to qualified households.
Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer. This matter
was addressed on the Communications Department's agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to open complaints against WiMacTel, Inc. and Fibervision, LLC and to amend the current complaint against Telephone Systems of Nebraska to include the October, 2015 data period; and to levy a late fee against Frontier Communications of America: Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

#### NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0085 In the Matter of United Energy Trading LLC, dba Kratos Gas & Power, Lakewood, Colorado, seeking authority for a Competitive Natural Gas Provider Certificate in the State of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NG-0087 In the Matter of the Application of World Fuel Services, Inc., Plymouth, Minnesota, seeking authority for a Competitive Natural Gas Provider Certificate in the State of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 7 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during November, 2015. For each company: Black Hills - 4; SourceGas - 3; and NorthWestern - 0.

### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1849 In the Matter of Somali Bantu Association of Nebraska, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van over irregular routes in Douglas and Sarpy counties, on the one hand, and on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes.
RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order denying the Application: Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

FC-1362 In the Matter of Happy Cab Company dba Checker Cab Co.,
Happy Cab Co., and Yellow Cab Co., Valor Transportation dba
Safeway Cab, and DonMark, Inc., dba Cornhusker Cab Company,
Complainants vs. Servant Cab Company, LLC, dba Yellow Cab Company and
Capital Cab Company, Defendants: The item was passed over.

MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to establish fuel surcharges in Nebraska Official Goods Tariffs 7F and Tariff 22: Mark Breiner reported to the Commission that Tariff 7F fuel surcharge remained \$0.50 and the Tariff 22 fuel surcharge remained \$1.40.

## HOUSING AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES DEPARTMENT

MAN-1/ In the Matter of the Complaint of Mark Luttich, Director
DC-88 of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Housing and
Recreational Vehicle Department, Complainant, vs. Champion
Home Builders, Inc., York, Nebraska, Respondent: Motion made by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to
enter an order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap
voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

### GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-1154 In the Matter of the application of Cooperative Producers Inc., Hastings, Nebraska, requesting a \$50,000 deductible on its stock insurance: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order granting authority to increase its insurance deductible. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Vap invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

| Crystal Rhoades | • | \$ | 638.30 |
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| Kent Pribyl     |   |    | 778.05 |
| Voyager         |   |    | 673.43 |

The following invoice was paid between December 1-7, 2015 and should be ratified:

Shanicee Knutson 842.95

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve the 2016 hourly rates for the contract with Christensen Associates Energy Consulting for the Natural Gas Department. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present and Commissioner Frank Landis excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held December 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2015.

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Executive Director