Chairman Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present. Chairman Schram 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 January 19, 2016 on Page 9 of <u>The</u> <u>Daily Record</u> that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Wednesday, January 27, 2016:

- 10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
- C-4807 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to investigate ways to accelerate the deployment of broadband consistent with Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-3206 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to seek approval to put out a request for applications/ résumés for three new board members. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-4797/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on 911-064/ its own motion, to investigate critical underground NG-0089/ facility issues in Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner PI-199 Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to

enter an order opening the docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE. SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4810

to determine the surcharge for the statewide Telecommunications Relay System (TRS) to be effective July 1, 2016, in the State of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order opening the docket and scheduling a hearing for March 1, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

In the Matter of the Commission on its own motion, seeking

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911-064/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on C-4797/ its own motion, to investigate critical underground facili-NG-0089/ ty issues in Nebraska: This matter was addressed on the PI-199 Communications Department's agenda.

NUSF-1/ P.O.#7 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Telephone Systems of Nebraska,

Inc.: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to grant Telephone Systems of Nebraska, Inc.'s request for an extension to February 29, 2016, to submit the Remittance Audit, which was due December 31, 2015. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

 NUSF- In the Matter of Sue Vanicek Director of the Nebraska
37.313 Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Voyzee Communications, Respondent(s); and
NUSF- In the Matter of Sue Vanicek Director of Nebraska
37.325 Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission,

Complainant, v. Intermedia Voice Services, Inc., Respondent(s): Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter orders dismissing complaints in Dockets NUSF-37.313 and NUSF-37.325. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NUSF-69.12 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to implement policies and procedures related to providing dedicated universal service support for wireless telecommunications services: N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a/ Viaero Wireless; and

NUSF-69.14 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to implement policies and procedures related to providing dedicated universal service support for wireless telecommunications services: N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a/ Viaero Wireless:

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Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter orders seeking approval for reimbursement in Dockets NUSF-69.12 and NUSF-69.14: Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NUSF-92 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter order establishing grant procedures and timeline. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Sue Vanicek discussed NUSF Late-Filed and Late-Paid Carrier Remittances: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to levy late fees against Frontier Communications of America and Legacy Long Distance. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0084 In the Matter of the Joint Application of SourceGas Distribution, LLC, SourceGas Holdings, LLC, both of Golden, Colorado, and Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc., Papillion, Nebraska, seeking necessary authorizations and approvals for Black Hills Holdings, Inc. to acquire SourceGas Holdings, LLC. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NG-0086 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Papillion, seeking Approval of its Cost of Service Gas Hedge Agreement with Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter Assessment CA-002. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NG-0089/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on PI-199 its own motion, to investigate critical underground issues C-4767 in Nebraska: This matter was addressed on the 911-064 Communications Department agenda.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1581/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on PI-196 its own motion, seeking to investigate the operations and

services provided by Servant Cab Company, LLC, d/b/a Yellow Cab Company and Capital Cab Company, Lincoln. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order opening the investigation. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

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 Tariff 7F and Tariff 22: Mark Breiner reported to the Commission that Tariff 7F fuel surcharge retained at \$0.32 and the Tariff 22 fuel surcharge retained at \$0.00.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to adjust the 2016 filing fees. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Rod Johnson, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to cancel the Commission Meeting presently scheduled for May 24, 2016 and to schedule a Commission Meeting for May 25, 2016. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Rod Johnson, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 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 on February 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on February 1, 2016.

Chairman

Director