

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

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. Chairman Schram announced that there will be no Commission Meeting will be held on February 16, 2016.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published February 2, 2016 on Page 4 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on February 9, 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, February 10, 2016:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
B-1922 In the Matter of Premier Limousine, LLC, Broken Bow, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by bus and limousine originating in points in Custer, Dawson, Sherman, Valley, Garfield, Blaine, Thomas and Logan 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: No. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer.

Monday, February 22, 2016:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Wireless E911 Advisory Board meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
911-042.21 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: Cuming County. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

AD-610r In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Central Public Affairs, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Denver, Colorado:

AD-611r In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Central Public Affairs, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Las Vegas, Nevada:

AD-612r In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Central Public Affairs, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Dallas, Texas:

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter orders granting applications AD-610r, AD-611r, and AD-612r. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-4808 In the Matter of the Application of Ryan Wells, Holdrege, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Funk Exchange of Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Shana Knutson informed the Commission that the next Wireless E911 Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. This meeting was previously set for February 8, 2016.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0078.2 In the Matter of the Application of SourceGas Distribution
BE-005 LLC, Golden, Colorado, seeking an order authorizing it to increase the System Safety and Integrity Rider Charge. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer;

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NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NG-0084 In the Matter of the Joint Application of SourceGas
BE-009 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; and

NG-0086 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills/Nebraska
BE-004 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 Rod Johnson, to
enter Assessment BE-005. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson,
Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 4 consumer
complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during January,
2016. For each company: Black Hills - 1; SourceGas - 2; and
NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 1.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule and In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
Regulation to amend Title 291, Chapter 8, Grain Warehouse Rules and
#195 Regulations, to adopt rules in accordance with Nebraska
Legislative Bill 183 [2015] and clarify provisions
regarding in-store transfer notices. Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding
as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by
Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order releasing a second set of
rules, seeking comment and scheduling a hearing for March 29, 2016 at
1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram
and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Rule and In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
Regulation to amend Title 291, Chapter 13, Modular Housing Unit
#196 Construction Rules and Regulations, to adopt the 2015
editions of applicable code books and update related
provisions, remove rules regarding alternating tread devices, and
update language regarding engineering service fees. Motion made by
Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to
enter an order opening docket and seeking comments due at 3:00 p.m.,
March 15, 2016. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank
Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

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LEGISLATIVE

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to adopt staff recommendations on LB 832 and LB 1068. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1904 In the Matter of Eric Burns, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority as a common carrier of passengers by bus between points on a regular route in Douglas County, Nebraska. RESTRICTION: the transportation of railroad crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Central Services-OCIO	\$	2,349.88
University of Nebraska - Lincoln		9,960.75
Comfort Inn		588.18
Office Interiors & Design		2,891.10
Ken Stadler		694.38
Thomson Reuters		1,251.34
Voyager		1,074.92
Crystal Rhoades		109.08
Crystal Rhoades		779.22
Tim Schram		477.36

NEBRASKA EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Connect Hearing, Inc.	\$	558.44
Carl A. Johnson		374.95
Teltex, Inc.		191.20
Weitbrecht Communications		744.81

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The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 23, 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 22, 2016.

Chairman

Executive Director