

Notice was duly published January 31, 2017 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 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chairman Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present. Chairman 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 comments were received. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Monday, February 13, 2017:

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

Wednesday, February 22, 2017:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln  
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades  
PI-199 presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner  
Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to  
enter an order releasing the report and closing the docket. Motion  
passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and  
Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not  
voting.

C-4852/ In the Matter of the Application of Boomerang Wireless, LLC  
NUSF-105 d/b/a enTouch Wireless, Hiawatha, Iowa, seeking designation  
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of  
Nebraska for the limited purpose of offering wireless lifeline service  
to qualified households. Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing  
Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by  
Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an order granting the application.  
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary  
Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4892 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to conduct an inquiry into failure of CenturyLink to comply with its September 20, 2016 Order and requiring it to Show Cause why the Commission should not impose administrative penalties: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an order to show cause and setting a hearing on March 28, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the telecommunications complaints and outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month.

Telephone Company	City	Outage Date	Outage Time	Date Reported	Time Reported	Completion Date	Completion Time	Duration Hrs:Min:Sec	Cause of Outage	Number of Access Lines	
CenturyLink	McCook	1/6/2017	11:25:00 AM	1/6/2017	12:47:00 PM	1/6/2017	1:11:00 PM	1:46:00	Circuit	1	Technician repaired a coax connector
CenturyLink	Omaha	1/13/2017	3:15:00 PM	1/13/2017	5:13:00 PM	1/13/2017	10:15:00 PM	7:00:00	Cable Cut	275	Cable was spliced to restore service.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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

NUSF-1 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking  
PO #5 to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska  
Universal Service Fund: Elsie Communications, Inc. and  
Dalton Telephone Company: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis,  
seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to grant NUSF payment audit  
extension requests to January 31, 2017, for the audits originally due  
December 31, 2016. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson,  
Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NUSF-1 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking  
PO #7 to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska  
Universal Service Fund: BCM One, Inc. and Telmate, LLC:  
Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner  
Crystal Rhoades, to grant NUSF remittance audit extension requests to  
March 31, 2017, for the audits originally due December 31, 2016.  
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary  
Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-105/ In the Matter of the Application of Boomerang Wireless, LLC  
C-4852 d/b/a enTouch Wireless, Hiawatha, Iowa, seeking designation  
as an eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of  
Nebraska for the limited purpose of offering wireless lifeline service  
to qualified households: This matter was addressed on the  
Communications Department's agenda.

Sue Vanicek briefed the Commission on the Federal  
Communications Commission's (FCC) changes to the Lifeline Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0089/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on  
C-4797/ its own motion, to investigate critical underground  
911-064/ facility issues in Nebraska. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades  
PI-199 presiding as Hearing Officer. This matter was addressed on  
the Communications Agenda.

NG-0078 In the Matter of the Application of SourceGas Distribution  
LLC, Golden, Colorado, seeking an order authorizing it to  
put into effect a system safety and integrity rider tariff  
and a system safety and integrity rider charge.  
Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer;

NG-0078.3 In the Matter of Black Hills Distribution, LLC,  
d/b/a Black Hills Energy seeking authority to increase the  
Safety and Integrity Charges and decrease the Pipeline and  
Safety Charges in its Nebraska Tariff. Commissioner Frank  
Landis presiding as Hearing Officer; and

NG-0090 In the Matter of Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility, LLC,  
d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Papillion, seeking approval of a  
Farm Tap Safety Proposal and Associated Tariff.  
Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer:

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mary  
Ridder, to enter Assessment Orders NG-0078, NG-0078.3 and NG-0090.

Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary  
Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 10 consumer  
complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during January,  
2017. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 7; NorthWestern Energy -  
0; and Other Entities - 3.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 63 consumer  
complaints and inquiries received at the Commission from July, 2016  
through January, 2017. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 33;  
Black Hills Distribution - 15; and NorthWestern - 3; and Other  
Entities - 12.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 459 Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to support the bill and provide a letter. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 523 Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to support the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 573 Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder to oppose the bill and provide testimony pointing out concerns. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 654 Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to remain neutral on the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 157 Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to remain neutral on the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

LB 522 Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to monitor the bill and not provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 460 Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to remain neutral on the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

LB 618 Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to support the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 410 Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to remain neutral on the bill and provide a letter. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

## LEGISLATIVE (Cont.)

LB 43 Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to monitor the bill and not provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 156 Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to remain neutral on the bill and provide a letter. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 612 Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to support the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 483 Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to support the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 657 & LB 660 Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder to monitor the bills and not provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 621 Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to support the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LB 389 Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to support the bill and provide a letter. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to monitor the remaining bills. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

## GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-19 In the Matter of the application of J. E. Meuret Grain Co., Inc., Brunswick, Nebraska, requesting a \$25,000 deductible on its stock insurance: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an order granting authority to increase its insurance deductible. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

GW-852 In the Matter of the application of Country Partners Cooperative, Gothenburg, Nebraska, requesting a \$25,000 deductible on its stock insurance: Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting authority to increase its insurance deductible. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram 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 Mary Ridder, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Brown Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$	2,900.00
Brown Brothers Construction, Inc.		1,045.00
Ted Burkey		993.75
GIS Workshop-Remittance Online Website & Database		3,780.00
GIS Workshop-Data Management System & Repository		1,236.25
Fred Massing (January Billing)		3,601.00
Ken Stadler		1,696.04
Voyager		1,081.49
Kent Pribyl		711.55

NEBRASKA EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM	\$	11,877.73
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A.G.N. Sales  
 Alternative Hearing  
 Beltone  
 Carl A. Johnson  
 Complete Hearing Solutions  
 Family Ear Nose and Throat Clinic, P.C.  
 Hamilton Telecommunications  
 Harris Communications  
 The Hearing Clinic  
 Professional Hearing-Aid Services  
 Sandhills Communications Inc.  
 Sprint  
 Teltex, Inc.  
 U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply  
 Viaero  
 Weitbrecht Communications, Inc.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

The following invoices were paid between 1-31-17 and 2-6-17 and should be ratified:

Fred Massing (December Billing) \$ 1,139.00

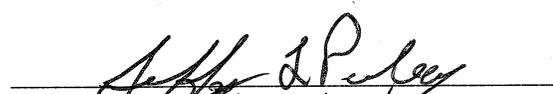
Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Mark Luttich to travel to and attend HUD's Western and Midwestern Regional meeting for State Authority Agencies and Primary Inspection Agencies involved with the Federal Manufactured Home Program to be held April 10 through 13, 2017 in Chandler, Arizona, with all expenses to be paid by HUD. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Commissioners' discussion of matters unrelated to open Commission proceedings.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 22, 2017 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 21, 2017.

  
Chairman

  
Executive Director

