

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published April 4, 2017 on Page 3 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on April 4, 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 Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused. 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. Chairman Schram announced that the State 911 Department hired Tina Bartlett.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, April 11, 2017:

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
MCC-3192 Jamie L. Reyes, Director, Motor Transportation Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, Complainant vs. Black Tie Limousine; D&L Express, Inc.; Denver Coach, Inc.; National Health Transport, Inc.; Goodwill Medical Transportation; The Happy Bus, LLC; Advantage Moving; Canning Truck Service, Inc., Respondents. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Rod Johnson joined the Commission Meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Cullen Robbins discussed proposed rate changes: Northeast Nebraska Telecommunications Company - \$17.50 to \$20.00 - Effective July 1, 2017; Public Meeting April 17, 2017, in Jackson, NE; Clarks Telecommunications Company - \$17.50 to \$20.00 - Effective July 1, 2017; and Public Meeting April 18, 2017, in Clarks, NE.

NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-92.47 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program: Application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from United States Cellular Corporation. Motion was made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order granting relocation request. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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: In the Matter of Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility, LLC; 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 Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Assessment Orders BE-008 in Docket NG-0078.3 and BE-005 in Docket NG-0090. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

E-2427 In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain two electric transmission lines in Lancaster County, Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Scott Coburn reported a total number of 3 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during March. For each company: Black Hills Energy-1; Black Hills Distribution-1; and NorthWestern-0 and, Other Entities-1.

Scott Coburn discussed the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration's (PHMSA's) October 14, 2016 final rule which expands the required installation of Excess Flow Valves (EFVs) in new and replaced service lines. EFVs automatically halt the flow of gas caused by damage to service lines. Since December 2009, EFVs have been installed in new and replaced service lines that supply gas to single-family residences. The new requirements, which go into effect on April 14, 2017, broaden the requirement to multi-residential, small commercial applications, and lines with meter capacities exceeding 1,000 standard cubic feet per hour. The October 14, 2016, rule also requires natural gas utilities to allow customers to ask for an EFV retrofit.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, 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.

DAS Central Finance-Personnel	\$	683.75
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Holiday Inn		1,638.00
Office Depot		673.24

No motion was made on the Executive Director's recommendation to approve minutes for January and February 2017.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to cancel the Commission Meeting scheduled for August 8, 2017. 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 approve the Executive Director's recommendation to seek an Attorney General's opinion relative to the application of Open Meetings Act requirements for certain circumstances. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 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 April 18, 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 April 17, 2017.


Chairman


Executive Director