

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published June 27, 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 July 5, 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 10:00 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. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, July 11, 2017:

9:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
 Commission Meeting

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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.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4924/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission
DC-91 regarding the 2016 Annual Report Filings. Commissioner Tim
 Schram presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by
Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to
enter an order dismissing the complaint in part. Motion passed with
Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim
Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-4929 In the Matter of the Application of SCRS Acquisition
 Corporation, Beverly Hills, California and Securus
Technologies, Inc., Carrollton, Texas, seeking approval for certain
financing arrangements: Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder,
seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the
application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary
Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner
Rod Johnson excused not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4930 In the Matter of the Joint Application of Global Connection Inc. of America, Global Connection Holdings Corporation, Norcross, Georgia, and Odin Mobile, LLC, Rockville, Maryland, seeking approval of transfer of control of Global Connection Inc. of America to Odin Mobile, LLC: Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

ADC-12 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director of the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Echo 19 LLC, d/b/a Echo Research, Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-4913 In the Matter of Clarks Telecommunications Company, Clarks, Nebraska, seeking a residential rate increase. Cullen Robbins informed the Commission that an insufficient number of petitions were received to initiate a review of the proposed rate increase, therefore a letter was sent July 1, 2017, informing Clarks Telecommunications that the rate increase could be implemented.

C-4914 In the Matter of Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Jackson, Nebraska, seeking a residential rate increase. Cullen Robbins informed the Commission that an insufficient number of petitions were received to initiate a review of the proposed rate increase, therefore, a letter was sent July 1, 2017, informing Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company that the rate increase could be implemented.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

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

Outage Number	Telephone Company	Affected Area	Number of Access Lines	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration In hours	Duration category	Impact in hours (Duration * Lines)	Cause Primary	Cause Secondary	Comments
16-72	CenturyLink	Omaha	523	6/3/2017	6/9/2017	145	< 1 week	75939	Damaged Cable	Vandalism	
16-73	CenturyLink	Grand Island	171	6/22/2017	6/22/2017	1	< 1 Hour	171	Cable Cut	Public	
16-74	CenturyLink	Omaha	268	6/22/2017	6/24/2017	46	< 1 week	12453	Cable Cut		
16-76	CenturyLink	Valentine	1486	6/28/2017	6/28/2017	1	< 12 Hours	1634	Other		Toll Switch Isolation
16-77	CenturyLink	Valentine, Atkinson, Oniel	3898	6/28/2017	6/29/2017	7	< 12 Hours	30664	Cable Cut		Toll Switch caused by fiber cut
16-78	K & M Telephone Company	Chambers & Inman	500	6/29/2017	6/29/2017	0	< 1 Hour	275	Cable Cut		Toll Calls affected

NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-100/ PI-193 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to consider revisions to the universal service fund contribution methodology: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order on the Motion for clarification. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

NEBRASKA 911 DEPARTMENT

911-060.52 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions: Cherry County; and

911-060.53 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions: Brown County: Motion made by

Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter orders in Dockets 911-060.52 and 911-060.53 approving applications. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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 Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter Assessment Order BE-0011. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

E-2432 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Antelope County;

E-2433 In the Matter of the Application of Norris Public Power District, Beatrice, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Lancaster County;

E-2435 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Saline County; and

E-2436 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 Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting authority in Dockets E-2432, E-2433, E-2435, and E-2436. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Scott Coburn reported a total number of 6 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during June, 2017. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 3; Black Hills Distribution - 2; NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 0.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule and Regulation #200 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking Regulation to amend Title 291, Chapter 8, Grain Warehouse Rules and Regulations, to adopt rules in accordance with Nebraska Legislative Bill 730 [2016], clarify security coverage for sellers of grain, and correct time for sellers to make a claim: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an order opening docket, releasing proposed Rules and Regulations and seeking comments, due on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 4, 2017 and, setting a hearing for Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont.)

Rules and In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking Regulation to amend Title 291, Chapter 7, Transmission Lines Rules and #198 Regulations, to adopt the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Safety Code as the official rules of the Commission for the construction, operation and maintenance of overhead and underground electric transmission lines. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer: Ellie Rohr reports to the Commission that the Governor's Office has approved the regulations and, the Policy Research Office filed the regulations with the Secretary of State's Office on June 27, 2017, being effective July 5, 2017.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-1743 In the Matter of Farmers/Ranchers Cooperative Association of Ainsworth, Ainsworth, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on shortage of Corn.

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 Deputy Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

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Mary Ridder		1,034.16
Crystal Rhoades		356.34
Crystal Rhoades		164.96
Tim Schram		968.36

Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Deputy Director's recommendation to approve minutes for April and May 2017. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to approve the Deputy Director's recommendation to move the Commission Meeting, held on July 11, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to approve the Deputy Director's recommendation to approve the Interagency Agreement with the Office of the Attorney General. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades stated she voted no based upon her understanding that the Nebraska Constitution requires the Attorney General to perform the work outlined in this contract through an appropriation already made by the Legislature. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to approve Deputy Director's recommendation to ratify the hiring of an Executive Director. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 2017.


Chairman


Deputy Director