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Notice was duly published October 3, 2017 on Page 5 of <u>The Daily Record</u> that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on October 11, 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 10:02 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:

## Tuesday, October 17, 2017:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln Commission Meeting

NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-92.04 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: CenturyLink. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting reallocation of support. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

## NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0078.4 In the Matter of the application of Black Hills Gas
Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy for an order
authorizing it to increase the Safety and integrity Charges (2018).
Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by
Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to
enter a Notice of Assessment Order. Motion passed with Commissioners
Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram
voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 4 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during September, 2017. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 1; Black Hills Distribution - 3; NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 0.

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## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1948 In the Matter of Lift Transportation, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van in Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Lancaster, and Washington counties: RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes: Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order granting the application as amended. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

BR-538 In the Matter of Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral
B-1926 Healthcare Services, Inc., Grand Island, seeking to
establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions
of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3: Motion made by
Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to
enter an Order granting rates on emergency basis. Motion passed with
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder
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.

DAS-Central Finance	\$	12,680.61
Frank Landis	,	243.43
Mary Ridder		277.24
Mary Ridder		65.28

Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Commission Minutes for September 2017. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis present not voting.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Commissioner Rod Johnson to travel to and attend the 2017 Mid-America Telecom Showcase & Seminar (MATSS) to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, from October 16 through October 18, 2017, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson present not voting.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:10 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 October 17, 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 October 16, 2017.

Chairman

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