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Notice was duly published July 31, 2018 on Page 6 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on August 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present. Chair Ridder 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, August 14, 2018:

- 10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting
- 1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
C-4983/ In the Matter of Nebraska Public Service Commission
DC-93 Communications Department, on its own motion, regarding the
2017 Annual Report filings. Commissioner Mary Ridder
presiding as Hearing Officer.
- 2:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
C-4960 In the Matter of the Application of Jason Poppe, Brooke
Marshall, Eugene Griess, Cole Schellkopf, Craig Griess, Ron
Nuss, Lon Ochsner, Kristin Jerred, Jerry Huebert, Isaac
Schelkopf, Aurora, Sutton and Saronville seeking authority
to receive advanced telecommunications service from the
Stockham Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company; and
C-4973 In the Matter of the Application of Keith Skrdlant,
Doniphan, seeking authority to receive advanced
telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of
Hamilton Telephone Company. Commissioner Rod Johnson
presiding as Hearing Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

- C-4990 In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone
Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink, Denver, Colorado,
seeking approval of a DSO 911 Trunk Port Rate Update
Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with Level 3
Communications, LLC, Broomfield, Colorado, previously
approved in Docket C-3715; and

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4991 In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of a TELRIC Transport Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC, St. Louis, Missouri, previously approved in Docket C-4198: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter Orders approving applications C-4990 and C-4991. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

C-4999/
911-069/
PI-218 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate a 911 Service outage experienced at the Sarpy County Public Safety Answering Point on June 12, 2018: This matter will be addressed on the State 911 Department's Agenda.

NUSF-111/
PI-211 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to determine a rate design and address implementation issues with a connections-based contribution mechanism. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order adopting Opinions and Findings. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Crystal Rhoades voting AYE, and Commissioner Tim Schram voting NAY.

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

Outages for July 2018							
Telephone Company	Affected Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Number of Access Lines	Cause Primary	Comments
CenturyLink	Norfolk	Jul-02-18	Jul-03-18	1 d 7 h	366	Damaged Cable	Cable became wet - Field Operations moved service to new cable pairs to restore service.
Windstream	UNL campus	Jul-09-18	Jul-11-18	1 d 16 h	428	Cable Cut	Cable damaged by TJ Construction doing boring work for Commonwealth Electric on the UNL Stadium east are lighting project. Cable was not marked correctly, USIC acknowledged their error. 1-1500 pair cable damaged. This is being replaced between manholes.
CenturyLink	Scottsbluff	Jul-12-18	Jul-12-18	0 d 2 h	356	Equipment	A portion of Scottsbluff, Nebraska switch is not processing calls. Field operations re-seated the high speed card.
Eastern Nebraska	Pender	Jul-12-18	Jul-12-18	0 d 2 h	270	Cable Cut	County road crew was doing work to repair a bridge washout. ABB crews were onsite already assisting with moving of fiber. The road crew made a mistake and cut the fiber anyway.
CenturyLink	Grand Island	Jul-17-18	Jul-18-18	1 d 2 h	201	Cable Cut	Locates were requested but not accurate - 400 pair cable was spliced to restore - The contractor was American Fence Company.
Great Plains	Rushville	Jul-19-18	Jul-19-18	1 h	48	Equipment	Generator Power was used until commercial power was restored
CenturyLink	Valentine and Ainsworth	Jul-22-18	Jul-23-18	0 d 20 h	4962	Equipment	Replaced repeater to restore service.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-060.55 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: Howard County: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order approving application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

911-069/
C-4999/
PI-218 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate a 911 service outage experienced at the Sarpy County Public Safety Answering Point on June 12, 2018: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades. No second was made.

911-070/
PI-219 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate 911 System Call Congestion experienced at the Douglas County Public Safety Answering Point due to a Mass Calling Event on July 5, 2018: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order opening docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Mary Ridder voting NAY.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-2156 In the Matter of Norder Supply, Inc., Hebron, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on shortage of wheat.

GW-2195 In the Matter of First Rate Trading, LLC, Hadar, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on shortage of soybeans.

GDC-443 In the Matter of the Complaint of John A. Fecht, Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Grain Warehouse Department, Complainant, vs. Roberts Seed, Inc., Axtell, Nebraska, Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order assessing civil penalties. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GD-3022 In the Matter of the Application of Pipeline Foods, LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota, seeking authority to operate as a grain dealer pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-903 (Reissue of 2016): Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting the Grain Dealer License. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

GD-2865 In the Matter of Progressive Ag Partners, LLC, Bradshaw, Nebraska: John Fecht reported that the grain dealer license was cancelled as of May 31, 2018.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Deputy 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.

Tim Schram \$ 555.90

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Deputy Director's recommendation to approve Steve Stovall to travel to and attend the 2018 National Association for State Relay Administrators (NASRA) Conference and Business Meeting and Interstate TRS Advisory Council Meeting, in Minneapolis, MN, from September 9 through September 13, 2018, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 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 August 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on August 13, 2018.



Chair



Deputy Director