

Notice was duly published November 13, 2018 on Page 5 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on November 19, 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:

Monday, November 19, 2018:

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
911-002 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund. Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5006 In the Matter of the Application of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nebraska, Mound, Minnesota, seeking to adjust its depreciation rates: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

C-5008 In the Matter of the Application of BCM One, Inc., New York, New York, seeking a transfer of control to BCM Group Holdings, Inc.: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-108, In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, PO #3 on its own motion, seeking to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and make revisions to its reporting requirements. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order of Findings and Conclusions. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

NUSF-108, In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, PO #4 on its own motion, seeking to make adjustments to high-cost distribution mechanism and make revisions to its reporting requirements. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order seeking comments. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.06 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of Grand Island: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order approving request for equipment. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

911-042.34 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Polk County; and

911-042.42 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Furnas County: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Orders approving request for funding of GIS address point data in Dockets 911-042.34 and 911-042.42. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

911-060/ PI-191 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement Text to 911 Solutions: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order extending funding. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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;

NG-0078.6 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy for authority to adjust the System Safety and Integrity charges (2019); and

NG-0090.1 In the Matter of Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Papillion, seeking approval to adjust the surcharge for the Farm Tap Safety Program for the 2018-19 year: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter assessment orders NG-0078.4 BA-014 and BA-015; NG-0078.6 BA-001 and BA-002; and NG-0090.1 BA-005. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

TR-209 In the Matter of Dashabout Town Taxi, LLC, Akron, Colorado, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat., Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 2: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order dismissing the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

Grain Dealer Division

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 Rod Johnson, to enter an Order accepting stipulation and establishing payment plan. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

No Motion was made on the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to issue an Intent to Award the Natural Gas Consultant contract to Bates White, LLC. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Scott Micek and Britt Pinneo to lodge in Yankton, South Dakota, following an inspection in Fordyce, Nebraska on November 13, 2018. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with Ken Stadler, R.A., for the performance of manufactured home and modular housing unit plan review, effective November 30, 2018. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to enter into a Statement of Work with Nebraska Interactive for the creation of an online remittance system. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 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 November 27, 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 November 26, 2018.

Mary Ridder

Chair

Tim Schram

Executive Director