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Notice was duly published December 11 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 December 18, 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, December 18, 2018:

1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
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).
Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, January 8, 2019:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-3206 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order rescinding grant. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

C-3206 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order approving final payment. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

C-4981 In the Matter of the Application of Beau Toben, Doniphan, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-5011 In the Matter of the Application of Business Telecom, LLC, d/b/a EarthLink Business III, Little Rock, Arkansas, seeking authority to cancel its certificate of interexchange authority and tariff: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting application to cancel authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

C-5009/ In the Matter of the Application of AMG Technology
NUSF-114 Investment Group, LLC, d/b/a NextLink Internet, Hudson Oaks, Texas, seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of providing services supported by the FCC's Connect America Fund Phase II. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter a Protective Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

C-5015 In the Matter of the Joint Application of Great Plains Communications North, Inc., Great Plains Communications Long Distance, Inc., and Great Plains Broadband, Inc., Blair, Nebraska, each seeking approval of a name change: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

TRS-20 Cullen Robbins v. Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska), LLC d/b/a Time Warner Cable: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

W-014 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, regarding the regulation of Green Acres MHP, LLC. Commissioner Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order closing docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-61.12 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, seeking to review traffic studies to determine the appropriate percentage of assessable revenues subject to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: United States Cellular Corporation's (U.S. Cellular) request for approval of traffic study; and

NUSF-61.13 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, seeking to review traffic studies to determine the appropriate percentage of assessable revenues subject to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and Cricket Wireless, LLC request for approval of traffic study: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter Orders NUSF-61.12 and NUSF-61.13 granting traffic studies. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NUSF-99.11 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska Inc., Broadband Grant Request. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer;

NUSF-99.13 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska Inc., Broadband Grant Request. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer;

NUSF-99.14 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska Inc., Broadband Grant Request. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer;

NUSF-99.15 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska Inc., Broadband Grant Request. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer;

NUSF-99.16 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska Inc., Broadband Grant Request. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer;

NUSF-99.17 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska Inc., Broadband Grant Request. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer;

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

- NUSF-99.18 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska Inc., Broadband Grant Request. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer; and
- NUSF-99.19 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska Inc., Broadband Grant Request Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter Orders approving grant requests for NUSF-99.11 (Hickman), NUSF-99.13 (Ashland-South), NUSF-99.14 (Ashland-South CSA 6G), NUSF-99.15 (Ashland-South CSA 1P), NUSF-99.16 (Ashland-Wann), NUSF-99.17 (Ashland-Memphis), NUSF-99.18 (Ashland-North), and NUSF-99.19 (Hansen Fixed Wireless). Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

C-5009/ In the Matter of the Application of AMG Technology
NUSF-114 Investment Group, LLC, d/b/a NextLink Internet, Hudson Oaks, Texas, seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of providing services supported by the FCC's Connect America Fund Phase II. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer. Cullen Robbins discussed the Planning Conference Order of December 10, 2018, setting a Hearing for February 5, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

C-5012/ In the Matter of the Application of Inventive Wireless of
NUSF-115 Nebraska, LLC d/b/a Vistabeam, Gering, Nebraska, for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Nebraska. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer. Cullen Robbins discussed the Planning Conference Order of December 11, 2018, setting a Hearing for February 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.67 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: Pierce County: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order approving funding request for equipment and software. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

911-042.70 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: Franklin County/EDS 911: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order amending funding for call handling equipment 911-042.70 and to enter an Order approving funding for GIS software, address point data and computer equipment. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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). Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter assessment orders BA-003 and BA-004. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

E-2461 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Sheridan County: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

E-2462 In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Lancaster County: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1517 In the Matter of the Application of Comstock Corporation, d/b/a Action Cab, Grand Island, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority granted to R & A Transport, LLC, York, in Certificate B-1645 and to clarify and amend all supplements to consolidate into proposed certificate, and

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

B-1989 In the Matter of the Application of Ambassador Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking to acquire, through sale and transfer, the authority held by Ambassador Transportation, LLC, Omaha, in Certificate No. B-1886: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting temporary authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

B-1975 In the Matter of the Application of Upper Hand Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van in open class service between points in Cass, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, and Washington counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

M-14224 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Daniel's Moving and Storage of Omaha, LLC, Omaha, to show cause why the Commission should not revoke its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; and

M-14235 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to require Red Carpet Moving, LLC, Omaha, to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked: Motion made by

Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order to show cause and set Hearing for February 20, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

PI-204 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate certain procedures of certificated passenger carriers in the State of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order closing investigation. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

In the Matter of the 2018 Annual Report to the Legislature on the status of the Implementation of LB-629(2015): Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve filing of the TNC Annual Report to the Legislature. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY. Commissioner Rhoades asked that the minutes reflect that she voted NAY because staff had not submitted the report to the Commissioners for review.

TR-212/ In the Matter of Blair Blue Cab, LLC, Blair, seeking to
B-1958 amend its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of
Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3: Motion made
by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to
enter an Order granting rates on an emergency basis. Motion passed
with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal
Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-615 etal In the Matter of the attached list of completed list
of warehouse license renewals for the 4th quarter of
2018. John Fecht reported on the 4th quarter grain warehouse renewal
licenses.

GW-1112 In the Matter of Osmond Farm Supply Center, Inc., Osmond,
Nebraska: John Fecht reported on shortage of corn.

GW-1154 In the Matter of the Application of Cooperative
Producers, Inc., Hastings, Nebraska, requesting a \$25,000
deductible on its stock insurance: 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, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Grain Dealer Division

GD-1036 etal In the Matter of the attached list of completed list of
grain dealer license renewals for the 4th quarter of
2018. John Fecht reported on the 4th quarter grain dealer renewal
licenses.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, 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	\$	25,694.34
CostQuest Associates		5,000.00
Crystal Rhoades		484.00

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve contract with Bates White, LLC, for natural gas consulting services. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY. Commissioner Rhoades asked that the minutes reflect that she voted NAY due to the increased cost and lack of performance problems with the current contractor.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Kea Morovitz to travel to and attend the 2019 NG911 Standards & Best Practices Conference, to be held in Kissimmee, FL, from January 21, 2019, through January 24, 2019, 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.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Rod Johnson to travel to and attend the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) 2019 Commissioners' Retreat, to be held in Austin, TX, from January 10, 2019 through January 12, 2019, with the first \$1,500.00 to be reimbursed by MARC and remaining expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 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 January 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 7, 2019.


Chair


Executive Director