

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published March 12, 2019 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 March 19, 2019 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, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier 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, March 26, 2019:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln  
Commission Meeting

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln  
C-5032 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to determine the surcharge for the statewide Telecommunications Relay System to be effective July 1, 2019. Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer.

1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln  
DR-0009/  
B-1829 In the Matter of the Petition for Declaratory Ruling of Golden Plains Services, Inc. d/b/a GPS Transportation, Lincoln, seeking determination that Neb.Admin.Code, Title 291, Chap. 3, §001.01(E) and §001.01(F) permit on-demand transportation services for open class carriers that were engaging in on-demand transportation services prior to changes approved in Rule and Regulation Docket No. 199 effective January 16, 2019; search all open class carriers for any and all carriers that have provided on-demand services and would be adversely affected by the rule changes approved in Rule and Regulation Docket No. 199; investigate and schedule a hearing on the effect on carriers of any service classification regarding the observation of precedent; and define the criteria for observing precedent when a change is made to rules and regulations. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

NUSF-99.37 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High Cost Program: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Broadband Grant Request;

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-99.38 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High Cost Program: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Broadband Grant Request; and

NUSF-99.41 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High Cost Program: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Broadband Grant Request: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter orders granting applications NUSF-99.37 (Columbus Main Central), NUSF-99.38 (Columbus to Duncan Exchange) and NUSF-99.41 (Beaver City/Wilsonville Central). Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier 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): Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter assessment order BA-009. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1986 In the Matter of the Application of Recommended Care Solutions, LLC, Omaha, seeking to acquire, through sale and transfer, the authority held by Haleel Medical Transportation d/b/a Reliance Medical Transportation, LLC, Certificate No. B-1812: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram Granted and Certificate No. B-1812 Cancelled. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

M-14207 In the Matter of The Billings Group dba Quick City Delivery, Omaha, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority granted to Inter City Courier Systems, Inc., dba Quick City Delivery, Omaha, in Certificate M-13498: Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, order of pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Rod Johnson \$ 1,394.90

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Scott Elston to travel to and attend the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) 2019 Rail Safety Training on March 18 through March 22, in New Orleans, LA, with all expenses to be reimbursed by the FRA. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 26, 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 March 25, 2019.

  
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Chair

  
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Executive Director