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Notice was duly published March 26, 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 April 2, 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:

Wednesday, April 3, 2019:

10:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
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. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades presiding as Hearing Officer.

Monday, April 8, 2019:

12:30 Garden County Courthouse
611 Main Street, Oshkosh NE 69154
C-5037/
PI-223 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to investigate the level of service quality provided by United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink Communications in the Oshkosh, Lewellen and Chappell Telephone Exchanges. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
E-2463 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate, and maintain electric transmission lines in Lincoln, Logan, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Holt, and Wheeler Counties. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

- C-5003 In the Matter of the Application of Douglas Rainforth, Doniphan, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer;
- C-5004 In the Matter of the Application of Stephan Rainforth, Doniphan, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer;
- C-5005 In the Matter of the Application of Keith and Carol Haussler, Hastings, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer;
- C-5007 In the Matter of the Application of Troy Jones, Doniphan, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer; and
- C-5010 In the Matter of the Application of Gayle Reiners, Doniphan, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter Orders approving applications C-5003, C-5004, C-5005, C-5007, and C-5010. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins discussed the new application form for NSTEP Disaster Relief and sought Commission approval. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to approve the application form for NSTEP Disaster Relief. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

- NUSF-1, PO #7 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Zayo Group, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve request to extend the 2017 remittance audit deadline to August 1, 2019, for the report originally due December 31, 2018. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-99.39 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-99.40 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 approving broadband requests for NUSF-99.39 (Edison) and NUSF 99.40 (Heartwell). Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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

Outages for March 2019							
Telephone Company	Affected Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Number of Access Lines	Cause Primary	Comments
Great Plains Communications, LLC	North Central (St. Edward, Elgin, Spalding, North Bend)	Mar-13-19	Mar-21-19	8 d 4 h	82	Damaged Cable	Weather related - Flooding
Great Plains Communications, LLC	St. Edward	Mar-13-19	Mar-16-19	3 d 5 h	12	Damaged Cable	Weather related flooding - water receded, allowing technician to inspect, restore
Great Plains Communications, LLC	Spalding	Mar-13-19	Mar-27-19	14 d 7 h	20	Damaged Cable	Weather related flooding
Great Plains Communications, LLC	North Bend	Mar-13-19	Mar-20-19	6 d 15 h	80	Damaged Cable	Weather related flooding - all but 20 at McGinn's Lake restored by 3/20/19
Great Plains Communications, LLC	North East Nebraska - Niobrara 402-857	Mar-15-19	Mar-20-19	5 d 15 h	33	Damaged Cable	Weather Related Flooding
Qwest Corporation	Norfolk	Mar-18-19	Mar-25-19	7 d 3 h	628	Damaged Cable	Cable became wet from the aftermath of the flooding and is impacting service for approximately 352 customers - 1300 pair cable damaged by flooding
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Mar-18-19	Mar-18-19	0 d 5 h	203	Cable Cut	A Cox contractor bored through a cable, which allowed water to get in. Locates accurate, but contractor didn't pothole to determine depth and hit cable
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC		Mar-19-19		d h	0	Damaged Cable	Currently have 6 cell sites down in the flooded area. AT&T's credit and collection department has been made aware of the situation and will be sensitive to customers who's ability to pay might be impacted by the flooding.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

Dave Sankey informs the Commission that the next E911 Wireless Advisory Board meeting will be April 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

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STATE 911 DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Dave Sankey informs the Commission that the next 911 Service System Advisory Committee meeting will be April 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

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.

Mary Ridder	\$	1,020.80
Crystal Rhoades		450.66
Tim Schram		779.52
Dan Watermeier		473.28

The following invoices were paid between March 19, 2019 and April 1, 2019 and should be ratified:

Scott Elston	\$	1,122.16
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Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize David A. Sankey to travel to Orlando, Florida and attend meetings of the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA) and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) on June 14 through June 18, 2019, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 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 April 9, 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 April 8, 2019.

Mary Ridder

Chair

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Executive Director