

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published May 7, 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 May 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM 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 AM with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused. 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, May 21, 2019:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Schedule In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
"A" and to determine reasonable A and E storage rates and charges
"E" Rates for Public Grain Warehouses for the 2019-2020 storage year.
Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5050/ In the Matter of Nebraska Public Service Commission
DC-94 Communications Department, on its own motion, regarding the
2018 Annual Report filings. Motion made by Commissioner Tim
Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order
opening docket and scheduling a Show Cause Hearing on August 6, 2019,
at 11:00 AM CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed
with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan
Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not
voting.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.17 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: Hitchcock County. Motion made by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to
enter an Order approving funding for call handling equipment, GIS
equipment and software. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson,
Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and
Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT, Cont.

911-042.45 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: Dundy County. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an Order approving funding for GIS equipment and software. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

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: EDS 911-Franklin County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order approving funding for equipment and software. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-101/
PI-224 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska. NG-101.1 Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy. NG-101.2 NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order opening the docket, creating subdockets, and notice of assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT, Cont.

- 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).
- NG-0084 In the Matter of the Joint Application of SourceGas Distribution, LLC, SourceGas Holdings, LLC, both of Golden, Colorado, and Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc., Papillion, Nebraska, seeking Necessary Authorizations and Approvals for Black Hills Holdings, Inc. to Acquire SourceGas Holdings, LLC. Motion made by
- 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.
- NG-100 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, and Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval to consolidate the Nebraska tariffs, assets, liabilities, and operations of the two companies, and to rename the consolidated entity Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter assessment orders BA-1 and BA-2. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

- GD-2196 In the Matter of the Application of S&G Commodities, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking authority to operate as a grain dealer pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-903 (Reissue of 2016). Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an order granting the Grain Dealer License. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

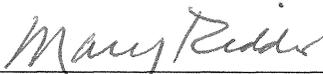
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, Cont.

Executive Director's recommendation to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter, the closed session being necessary for the protection of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting. The Commission entered into closed session at 10:15 AM.

Chair Ridder restated that the purpose of the closed session is for the protection of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. The closed session discussion will be so limited.

Executive Director's recommendation to return to open session. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused not voting. The Commission returned to open session at 10:39 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on May 20, 2019.



Chair



Executive Director