

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published January 11, 2022 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 January 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Dan Watermeier called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:01 AM. with Commissioners Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Crystal Rhoades present via Webex. Chair Watermeier 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, January 19, 2022:

**Quarterly Status Meeting**

NG-101.2/PI-224, NorthWestern Energy  
2:00 PM, Commission Hearing Room and Webex  
Hearing Officer: Commissioner Rod Johnson

Tuesday, January 25, 2022:

**Commission Meeting**

10:00 AM, Commission Hearing Room and Webex

**Hearing**

MT-0001.02, Annual Renewal Show Cause  
11:00 AM, Commission Hearing Room and Webex  
Hearing Officer: Commissioner Mary Ridder

**COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**C-5360:** 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, 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order opening docket and setting a Hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln and, via WebEx. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5351:** In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Clear Rate Communications, Inc., Troy, Michigan. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order approving application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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**C-5359:** In the Matter of the Application of Sodtown Communications, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking approval of a Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility, Bedminster, New Jersey. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## **STATE 911 DEPARTMENT**

**PS #21-479:** In the Matter of Facilitating Implementation of Next Generation 911 Services (NG911). Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder. Director Sankey sought approval of Commission's Comments to the FCC with respect to the National Association of State 911 Administrators' Petition for Rulemaking; Alternatively Petition for Notice of Inquiry regarding Implementation of Next Generation 911 Services. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## **NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT**

**NG-13:** In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to evaluate and establish, on a quarterly basis, an assessment for jurisdictional utilities pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1801 et seq. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter Progression Order #74. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**E-2496:** In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Merrick, Polk and Platte Counties. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**R&R 206:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 3, Motor Carrier Rules and Regulations, to adopt rules in accordance with Nebraska Legislative Bill 461 [2020]. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder to enter an order issuing Certificate of Adoption and Adopting Second Set of Rules. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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## LEGISLATIVE

Jamie Reyes discussed pending legislation.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

**B-1976.02:** In the Matter of the Application of The Beautiful Life Family Home Care LLC d/b/a Beautiful Life Medical Transport, Omaha, seeking recognition of a name change to Beautiful Life Medical Transport, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order approving name change. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**MT-0001.02:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to address certain carriers in non-compliance with annual. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order to dismiss, in part. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## GRAIN WAREHOUSES & DEALERS DEPARTMENT

**GW-19:** In the Matter of the Application of J. E. Meuret Grain Co. Inc., Brunswick, Nebraska, requesting a \$25,000 deductible on its stock insurance. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson. Entered an order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**GW-1154:** In the Matter of the Application of Cooperative Producers, Inc., Hastings, Nebraska, requesting a \$100,000 deductible on its stock insurance. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder. Entered an order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**GW-19:** In the Matter of J. E. Meuret Grain Co., Inc., Brunswick, Nebraska: Terri Fritz reports on shortage of non GMO soybeans.

**GW-615 et al.:** In the Matter of the attached list of completed list of warehouse license renewals for the 4th quarter of 2021. Terri Fritz reports on the 4th quarter grain warehouse renewal list.

**GD-1036 et al.:** In the Matter of the attached list of completed list of dealer license renewals for the 4th quarter of 2021. Terri Fritz reports on the 4th quarter grain dealer renewal list.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM with Commissioners Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Crystal Rhoades present via Webex present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on January 24, 2022.



Chair



Executive Director