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Notice was duly published January 18, 2022 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 January 25, 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 Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioner 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.

Chair Watermeier announced that Robert Evans has joined the Commission's Transportation Department as an Inspector, and that Hunter Shellhase has joined the Grain Department as Administrative Assistant.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, January 25, 2022:

Hearing

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

Wednesday, January 26, 2022:

Quarterly Status Meeting

NG-101.1/PI-224, Black Hills Energy
2:00 PM, Commission Hearing Room and Webex
Hearing Officer: Commissioner Rod Johnson

Friday, January 28, 2022:

TRS Advisory Committee Meeting

1:30 PM, Commission Hearing Room and Webex
Hearing Officer: Commissioner Tim Schram

Tuesday, February 1, 2022:

Commission Meeting

10:00 AM, Commission Hearing Room and Webex

Hearings

NUSF-108, PO #7, Adjustment to High-Cost Distribution and Revisions to Reporting Requirements
1:30 PM, Commission Hearing Room and via Webex

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Hearing Officer: Commissioner Mary Ridder

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5069/PI-226: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement LB 641 [2019]. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order approving application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5361: In the Matter of the Application of Wauneta Telephone Company, Benkelman, Nebraska, seeking approval of a Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility, Bedminster, New Jersey;

C-5362: In the Matter of the Application of Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., Benkelman, Nebraska, seeking approval of a Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility, Bedminster, New Jersey; and

C-5363: In the Matter of the Application of Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc., Benkelman, 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 Rod Johnson, to enter Orders approving applications C-5361, C-5362 and C-5363. 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: Ooma, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to grant Ooma, Inc.'s second extension request to July 30, 2022, to complete the NUSF remittance audit, otherwise due December 31, 2021. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99, PO #2: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order authorizing payments and setting project selection deadline of Monday, July 25, 2022. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

NUSF-108: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and make revisions to its reporting requirements. Motion

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made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order authorizing payments. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

LEGISLATIVE

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder to provide neutral testimony on LB 1101. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to monitor LB 1144. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to monitor LB 1166. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to provide testimony in support of LB 1234. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to provide testimony in support of LB 1194. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to provide a neutral letter on LB 1119. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to provide testimony in support of LB 1266. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to provide testimony in support of LB 1147. 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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Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to monitor LB 1127. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to monitor LB 1174. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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 renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, 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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present via Webex. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on January 31, 2022.



Chair



Executive Director