

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published February 1, 2022 on page 7 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on February 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Vice Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioner Dan Watermeier present via Webex. Vice 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:

Thursday, February 10, 2022:

**Enhanced 911 Wireless Advisory Board Meeting**

10:00 a.m., Commission Hearing Room and Webex

Wednesday, February 16, 2022:

**911 Service System Advisory Committee Meeting**

1:00 p.m., Buffalo County Emergency Operations Center, (south entrance), 1417 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Kearney NE 68847 and Webex

Wednesday, February 23, 2021:

**Commission Meeting**

10:00 a.m., Commission Hearing Room and Webex

**COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**C-5366:** In the Matter of the Joint Application of BCM One, Inc., New York, New York, and Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc., Coral Springs, Florida, seeking authority to obtain debt financing. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5367:** In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of a Routing of Traffic through a Third Party Transit Provider Amendment to its Interconnection Agreement with American Messaging Services, LLC, Louisville, Texas. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, 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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Cullen Robbins discussed NUSF Late-Filed Carrier Remittances: Lycamobile USA, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to amend the current Complaint NUSF-37.396 against Lycamobile USA, Inc. 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 outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month.

Outages for January 2022							
Carrier	Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Lines Affected	Primary Cause	Comments
Qwest Corporation	Columbus	Jan-11-22	Jan-11-22	0 d 4 h	6,364	Cable Cut	Lumen failed to deliver 911 Location Information (ALI/ANI) to PSAP. A local provider site was repaired to restore service.
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	Eustis	Jan-12-22	Jan-12-22	0 d 3 h	194	Equipment	Planned maintenance event that experienced issues. Eustis exchange down for three hours from 1:39 am to 4:44 am that affected 194 customers.
Qwest Corporation	Ogallala	Jan-18-22	Jan-18-22	0 d 1 h	5,166	Equipment	Lumen failed to deliver 911 Location Information. Fiber repaired by local provider
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Holdrege Exchange	Jan-18-22	Jan-18-22	0 d -16 h	214	Other	This outage was outside of their network - Lumen. They did their own tests to determine that the issue had been resolved.
Consolidated Telephone Company	Arthur	Jan-22-22	Jan-22-22	0 d 1 h	167	Equipment	Transport Card Failure - Aztek ESA went into ESA mode when card failed.
Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC	Omaha	Jan-25-22	Jan-25-22	0 d 10 h	16,700	Equipment	Issue during maintenance event caused outage which also impacted voice service for both residential and business customers. Restoration to backup configuration remediated the issue. Cox had planned for a software configuration maintenance event that was intended to be non-service affecting. We did have an FCC report that was also filed due to this outage.

## NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

**NG-43.1:** In the Matter of Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC, Louisville, Kentucky, providing notification of an upstream change of its ownership structure. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**E-2469:** In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Lancaster County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order granting the extension. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod

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Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## LEGISLATIVE

Jamie Reyes discussed pending legislation.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

**B-1901:** In the Matter of the Application of Mike's Handy Van, Lincoln, seeking suspension of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-1901 until July 1, 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order dismissing suspension and reinstating Certificate B-1901. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-2049:** In the Matter of the Application of Prescribed Transportation LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in open class service between points within Douglas and Sarpy counties, and between said counties, over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting application. 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 renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, 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.

**B-1582.01r:** In the Matter of Action Taxi & Limo, Inc., Sioux City, Iowa, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting rates on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-1802.02r:** In the Matter of the Application of Camelot Transportation, Inc., Kearney, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting rates on an

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emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-1902.01r:** In the Matter of the Application of AA Cabbies, Inc., d/b/a Siouxland Taxi, Sioux City, Iowa, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting rates on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to approve Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to attend the 2022 National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Winter Policy Summit, in Washington, D.C., 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.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioner Dan Watermeier present via Webex. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 2022.



Chair



Executive Director