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Notice was duly published October 17, 2022 on page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on October 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

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

## **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 Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order opening application window for the 211 information and referral network, commencing on October 26, 2022, ending on December 13, 2022. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5368:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2022 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order issuing partial challenge determinations. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram, Dan Watermeier voting AYE and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

**C-5435:** In the Matter of the Application of Valerie Torstenson, Crofton, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, 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-5440:** In the Matter of the Application of Aero Communications, LLC, Paducah, Kentucky, seeking authority to withdraw its local and interexchange certificates of authority and cancel its tariffs. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting relinquishment of authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5441:** In the Matter of the Application of Valley View Recreational Association/John Armatys/Andrea Krueger/Kara Kutchison/Travis

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Kuchar/Myles Butt/Mandy Olivo/Dan and Heather Negus/Leslie Solt/Brooke Brown, Marquette, each seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Marquette exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company;

**C-5443:** In the Matter of the Application of Edward Arens, Fordyce, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.;

**C-5444:** In the Matter of the Application of Roger Kleier, Trumbull, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Trumbull Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company; and

**C-5445:** In the Matter of the Application of Justin Hoebelheinrich, Fordyce, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter Orders granting applications C-5441, C-5443, C-5444 and C-5445. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5446:** 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.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**R&R 208:** In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 7, Transmission Lines Rules and Regulations, to adopt the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Safety Code as the official rules of the Commission for the construction, operation, and maintenance of overhead and underground electric transmission lines. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter Order Adopting Proposed Rules and Issuing Certificate of Adoption. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Tim Schram, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 8, 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 November 7, 2022.



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Chair



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Executive Director