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Notice was duly published December 1, 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 December 13, 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-5453: In the Matter of the Application of Gerard Kast and Nathan Tramp, Crofton, each 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 an Order approving boundary change. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5454: In the Matter of the Application of Fusion Communications, LLC, and Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, seeking approval for a consolidation. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5455: In the Matter of the Application of John VanZandt, Mason City, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Ansley Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order approving boundary change. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5460: In the Matter of the Application of Vesta Solutions, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, seeking authority to change its name to Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc. 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.

CPF-1: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order opening docket

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and releasing Procedural Schedule. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

AD-716r: In the Matter of the Application of Connectel, Inc., Fortuna, California, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Los Angeles, California. 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.

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: BCM One, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve BCM One, Inc., request to March 31, 2023, for the completion of the NUSF Remittance audit, otherwise due December 31, 2022. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins discussed NUSF Late-Filed Carrier Remittances: Crexendo Business Solutions, Inc. and UComTel, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, that Complaints be opened against Crexendo Business Solutions for late and incorrectly filed remittance worksheets and, UComTel, Inc. for late filed remittance worksheets. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-070/PI-219: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate 911 System call congestion experienced at the Douglas County Public Safety Answering Point due to a Mass Calling Event on July 5, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an Order closing docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-112.2: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a 2023 System Safety and Integrity Rider. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order approving the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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NG-117: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval to implement a voluntary renewable natural gas and carbon offset program. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order approving the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-112.2: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a 2023 System Safety and Integrity Rider;

NG-115: In the Matter of the Commission, to conduct a review of gas supply cost adjustment schedules implemented by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1854; and

NG-117: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval to implement a voluntary renewable natural gas and carbon offset program. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder to enter assessment orders NG-112.2/BA-23, NG-112.2/BA-24, NG-117/BW-2, NG-117/BA-5 and NG-117/BA-6. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MOTORTRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1986.02: In the Matter of the Application of Recommended Care Solutions, LLC, Omaha d/b/a MedCare Mobility, Omaha, seeking suspension of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-1986 until July 1, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting suspension. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2022.02r: In the Matter of the Application of Lifeline Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Lifeline Transportation, Omaha, seeking to amend 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 Tim Schram, 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

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Christian Nielsen to travel to and attend the NENA 911 Standards & Best Practices Conference in Clearwater, Florida from January 16, 2023 to January 20, 2023 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan

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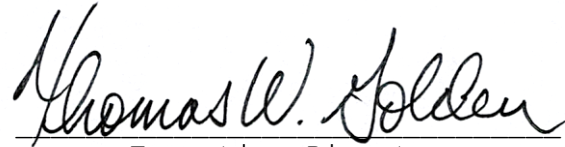
Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the final minutes for November 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 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 January 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 9, 2023.



Chair



Executive Director