

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published March 3, 2023 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 March 14, 2023 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 10:01 a.m. with Commissioners Kevin Stocker, Tim Schram, Christian Mirch, Eric Kamler, and Dan Watermeier 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-5474:** In the Matter of the Application of Lawrence Ford Shenk, Bradshaw, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hampton exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5480:** In the Matter of Windstream Nebraska, Inc., seeking a waiver of 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.22A, § 5-010.09, and § 10-006.07, in order to provide customer directories digitally rather than through paper printing. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order granting waiver of Commission Regulations. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5483:** In the Matter of the Application of Greg Dowling, Randolph, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Pierce Exchange of Pierce Telephone Company, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**NUSF-99.127:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Broadband Grant Request. to enter an Order granting Extension of Time until March 31, 2023 to complete the Ashland 3B project; and

**NUSF-99.135:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Broadband Grant Request. Motion

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made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order granting Extension of Time until March 31, 2023 to complete the Bellwood project. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**NUSF-131, P.O. #1:** In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to establish reverse auction procedures and requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order seeking comments, due April 14, 2023, with reply comments due May 5, 2023. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Report on telecommunications Complaints and Outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month. Cullen Robbins informs the Commission of the Complaints and Outages received for February, 2023.

## LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No Motion was made.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. with Commissioners Kevin Stocker, Tim Schram, Christian Mirch, Eric Kamler, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 28, 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 March 27, 2023.

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Chair

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Executive Director