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Notice was duly published April 10, 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 April 19, 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 10:00 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-5473: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to determine the surcharge for the statewide Telecommunications Relay System, to be effective July 1, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order setting TRS surcharge, effective July 1, 2023. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5485: In the Matter of the Application of Maggie and Randy Korth, 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.

C-5492: In the Matter of the Application of Lingo Telecom, LLC, d/b/a Trinsic Communications d/b/a VarTec Telecom d/b/a Excel Telecommunications d/b/a Impact Telecom d/b/a Startec d/b/a Lingo, Dallas, Texas, seeking authority to change its name to Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a Trinsic Communications d/b/a VarTec Telecom d/b/a Excel Telecommunications d/b/a Impact Telecom d/b/a Startec d/b/a Lingo d/b/a BullsEyeComm. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, 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: IP Networked Services, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to grant a second audit extension request, to July 31, 2023 for the NUSF Remittance audit, otherwise due

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December 31, 2022. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92, PO #14: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler to enter an Order opening the 2023 application window. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program. to enter an Order granting Extension of Time to CenturyLink QC for the Grand Island project;

NUSF-99.09: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's Broadband Grant Request. to enter an Order granting Extension of Time to CenturyLink for the Valentine project;

NUSF-99.128: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink, Broadband Grant Request. to enter an Order granting Extension of Time to CenturyLink for the Minatare West project; and

NUSF-99.137: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Broadband Grant Request. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker to enter an Order granting Extension of Time to CenturyLink QC for the Schuyler project. 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 March, 2023.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GW-340: In the Matter of Union Grain, St. Libory, Nebraska, seeking an extension of time to file required financial documents. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to send a letter granting an extension of time of 45 days from the request date to file required financial documents. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No Motion was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to purchase three additional moisture meters for the Grain Department. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

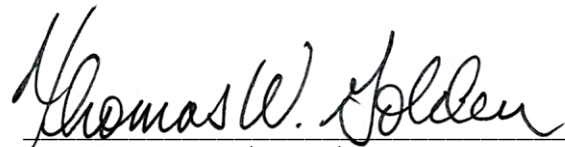
Executive Director's recommendation to approve James Almond to travel to and attend the 2023 Iowa NENA Conference and the 2023 Iowa APCO Conference in Des Moines, IA from April 30 to May 4, 2023, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve James Almond to travel to and attend the NENA 2023 Conference & Expo and Center Manager Certification Alumni Seminar in Grapevine, TX from June 17 to June 21, 2023, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 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 April 25, 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 April 24, 2023.



Chair



Executive Director