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Notice was duly published May 28, 2019 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 June 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. 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. Chair Ridder announced that Burdette Schoen joined the Commission's General Administration Department as an Accountant.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, June 4, 2019:

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
M-14229 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to require NST Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Aardvark Moving Company, Omaha, to show cause as to why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked. Commissioner Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

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C-5042 In the Matter of the Application of Randal Rainforth, Prosser, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4459/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
PI-185/ its own motion, to investigate and monitor compliance with
PO #15 federally mandated intercarrier compensation reform. Motion
made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner
Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order requesting carriers to file their
reduced rate tariffs with the Commission, on or before June 19, 2019,
with an effective date of July 1, 2019. Motion passed with
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram
and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-4 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to determine the level of the fund necessary to carry out the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act effective fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order setting the surcharge rate for FY 2019/2020. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92.54 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program: Application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from: NE Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting application, in part. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99.46 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; and

NUSF-99.47 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 made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter Orders granting applications NUSF-99.46 (Yutan Exchange) and NUSF-99.47 (North Hebron) projects. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins discussed NUSF Late-Filed/Late-Paid Carriers: Alliant Technologies, LLC, BCM One, Inc., Benkelman Telephone, Ready Wireless, and Skybeam Acquisition Corporation. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to open Complaints against Alliant Technologies and BCM One, Inc. and, that late-fees be levied against Benkelman Telephone, Ready Wireless and Skybeam Acquisition Corporation. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the telecommunications complaints and outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month.

Outages for May 2019							
Telephone Company	Affected Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Number of Access Lines	Cause Primary	Comments
Centurylink	Omaha	May-03-19	May-03-19	0 d 5 h	190	Cable Cut	Cable cut by a boring operation - cable was repaired to restore services. Contractor cut cable - Locates were not requested.
Centurylink	Omaha	May-05-19	May-07-19	1 d 18 h	360	Damaged Cable	90 pair cable was spliced and repaired - cable was buried (used to be under the bridge), but cable stolen from a manhole.
Centurylink	Bennington	May-06-19	May-08-19	1 d 20 h	144	Cable Cut	Services have been restored and a request for details has been sent to Field Operations Supervisor. Celebrity Homes cut two fiber cables. The locates were more than 30 days old and were not accurate.
Arlington Telephone Company	Fremont and Western Rural Arlington	May-17-19	May-17-19	d 2 h	46	Cable Cut	Fiber Cut related to road repair on Hwy 30 - Internet services only in Fremont for select customers are affected, approximately 40. Voice and internet for 6 customers in Western Rural Arlington.
Clarks Telecommunications Company	Ulysses	May-19-19	May-19-19	0 d 8 h	400	Equipment	F Link Down - Re-routed traffic. Router issue between Craig and Snyder
Arapahoe Telephone Company	Farnam	May-18-19	May-18-19	0 d 2 h	180	Other	Dawson Power District replacing a pole after storm damage - did not call for emergency locates.
Arlington Telephone Company	Meadow Grove	May-28-19	May-28-19	d 5 h	126	Cable Cut	Fiber cut - All services

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.39 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Cass County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order approving funding for GIS mapping and computer aided dispatch. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.48 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Garden County. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order approving funding for GIS mapping and computer aided dispatch. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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STATE 911 DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

911-060.33 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions: City of Lincoln. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter an Order extending text to 911 funding. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Dave Sankey recommended and sought Commission appointment of Kathy Allen from Douglas County to the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, to replace David Sleeter. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to approve appointment of Kathy Allen to the 911 Service System Advisory Committee. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Dave Sankey informed the Commission that the next 911 Wireless Advisory Board meeting will be held in Saunders County Judicial Center, 387 N. Chestnut Street, Suite #3, Wahoo Nebraska on July 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Jamie Reyes seeks Commission approval of a letter to HHS Designated Certificated Motor Carriers regarding NEMT reimbursements and Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-126. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve a letter to HHS Designated Certificated Motor Carriers regarding NEMT reimbursements and Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-126. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

Schedule A & E Rates In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine reasonable A & E store rates and charges for Public Grain Warehouses for the 2019-2020 storage year. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an order setting A & E storage rates for 2019-2020 year. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

Crystal Rhoades	\$ 15.66
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Mary Ridder	983.68
Tim Schram	552.16
Dan Watermeier	591.60

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on June 10, 2019.



Chair



Executive Director