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Due to a clerical error, notice was not published for the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, which occurred on October 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM 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 AM. 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. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, October 6, 2020:

Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

NUSF-32.17 Show Cause for failure to submit required audit - **Hearing**
11:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room
Commissioner Johnson, Hearing Officer

NUSF-108, High-cost distribution adjustment & revise reporting-
Hearing

PO #5 1:30 p.m. - Commission Hearing Room
Commissioner Ridder, Hearing Officer

Wednesday, October 7, 2020:

MR-1023/ Rates & Charges for carriers/Eppley Airfield - **Hearing**
PI-234 1:30 p.m. - Eppley Airfield Conference Center
Platte Room, Main Terminal Bldg, 2nd Floor
4501 Abbott Drive, Omaha
Commissioner Schram, Hearing Officer

Thursday, October 8, 2020:

C-5140 Leonard & Diana Rainforth, Boundary Change - **Hearing**
10:00 a.m. - Doniphan Event Center, 103 W Pine Street,
Doniphan, Nebraska
Commissioner Johnson, Hearing Officer

Tuesday, October 13, 2020:

B-1909 Motor Transportation - **Hearing**
10:00 a.m. Commission Hearing Room
A hearing officer has not been assigned yet

Wednesday, October 14, 2020:

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DC-97 Motor Transportation - **Oral Argument**
11:30 Commission Hearing Room
Commissioner Mary Ridder - Hearing Officer

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5069/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
PI-226 its own motion, to implement LB 641 [2019]. Motion made by
Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod
Johnson, to enter an order opening application window. Motion passed
with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim
Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5164 In the Matter of the Application of DCT Telecom Group,
Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana, seeking a name change to DCT
Telecom Group, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded
by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order approving name change.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary
Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5167/ In the Matter of the Joint Application of Sodtown Telephone
NUSF-120 Company, Ravenna, Nebraska, and Sodtown Communications,
Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking approval of a transfer of
control, and seeking Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Status for
Sodtown Communications, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Dan
Watermeier, 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.

AD-692r In the Matter of the Application of Remington Research
Group, Kansas City, Missouri, seeking authority to connect
an automatic dialing-announcing device. Motion made by Commissioner
Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order
granting the application. Motion failed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
voting NAY.

ADC-15 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director of the
Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service
Commission, Complainant, v. Remington Research Group and the Nebraska
Republican Party, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan
Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, requesting
authority to open a Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
voting AYE.

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Republican Party, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order to Cease and Desist and, to set a hearing for Tuesday, October 20, at 11:00 a.m. Central Time, in the Commission Hearing Room. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5166 In the Matter of the Application of Arlington Telephone Company, Blair, Nebraska, seeking approval of an Extended Area Service Interconnection Agreement with Charter Fiberlink - Nebraska, LLC, St. Louis, Missouri. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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

Carrier	Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Lines Affected	Primary Cause	Comments
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Sep-02-20	Sep-03-20	1 d 2 h	157	Damaged Cable	A company called CRC was doing work in the area. Locates were completed on time, were visible and accurate when CenturyLink arrived for repairs. CenturyLink was able to get all the working lines back in service on 9/2 and completed the repairs to the remainder of the cable on 9/3. We are charging CRC for the cost of repairs to our facilities.
Qwest Corporation	Grand Island	Sep-03-20	Sep-04-20	1 d 3 h	317	Cable Cut	This cable was cut by Mid-Nebraska Land Developers. Locates were completed on time, and were accurate and visible. CenturyLink completed the repairs to customers early the morning of Sept 4 and completed the remaining repairs by early afternoon. CenturyLink will bill the Development company for the cost of repairs.
Blair Telephone Company	Blair, Arlington, Ft. Calhoun, Kennard, Tekamah, Oakland, Lyons, Rosalie, Macy, Walthill, Winnebago, Homer, Pender, Wakefield, Wayne, Laurel, Belden, Carrol, Osmond, Meadow Grove, Bassett, Newport	Sep-18-20	Sep-18-20	0 d 5 h	800	Equipment	Network Switch Failure isolated our Hosted PBX platform. Restored Network Switch functionality. It is related to a firmware bug. Firmware will be updated during a future maintenance window.
Qwest Corporation	Loup City	Sep-29-20	Sep-29-20	d 12 h	191	Equipment	Switch not processing toll calls. Cause still under investigation
Qwest Corporation	Scottsbluff	Sep-30-20	Sep-30-20	0 d 1 h	1011	Equipment	Toll Switch Isolation. Service was restored prior to CenturyLink's isolation or intervention.
Qwest Corporation	Mitchell	Sep-30-20	Sep-30-20	0 d 3 h	4535	Equipment	Toll Switch Isolation. Service restored without CenturyLink's Isolation or Intervention.
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Aug-26-20	Aug-28-20	2 d 8 h	108	Cable Cut	
Qwest Corporation	Bennington	Aug-27-20	Aug-28-20	1 d 4 h	148	Cable Cut	

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1874 In the Matter of the Application of Yellow Cab Beatrice,

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Beatrice, seeking authority for a name change to Yellow Cab Beatrice d/b/a Leisure Taxi. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order recognizing applicant's name change. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0002/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on PI-235 its own motion, seeking to investigate and implement changes to motor carrier regulation resulting from the passage of LB 461 [2020]. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order opening docket and issuing guidance. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

BR-588/ In the Matter of the Application of 9 Line Medical B-2010 Solutions, LLC, d/b/a 9 Line Med, Tecumseh, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting rates, in part. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 13 , 2020 at 9:45 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 9:45 AM on October 9, 2020.


Chair


Executive Director