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Notice was duly published January 5, 2021 on page 5 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Vice-Chair Rod Johnson 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.

Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to nominate Commissioner Dan Watermeier as Chair. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Commissioner Dan Watermeier accepted the gavel and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder Commissioner to nominate Commissioner Tim Schram as Vice Chair. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY, and Commissioner Tim Schram present not voting.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021:

Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting

11:00 a.m. - Via 911 Department Webex link

911 Service System Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Via 911 Department Webex link

NG-101.2/ NorthWestern Energy - **Quarterly Status Meeting**

PI-224 3:30 p.m. - Web Conference - Remote access to the meeting will be available via Zoom or by telephone.

Commissioner Rod Johnson - Hearing Officer

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5191/ In the Matter of the Application of Mobius Communications
NUSF-122 Company, Hemingford, Nebraska, seeking Designation as an
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of
Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by
Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order approving application.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary
Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5198 In the Matter of the Commission on its own motion, seeking
to determine the surcharge for the statewide
Telecommunications Relay System (TRS) to be effective July 1, 2021, in
the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram,
seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order opening docket
and setting a hearing on March 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the
Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
voting AYE.

NUSF-1, In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking
PO #7 to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska
Universal Service Fund: Best Buy Health dba GreatCall,
Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner
Tim Schram, to grant Great Call's audit extension request to March 1,
2021, for the remittance audit otherwise due December 31, 2020. Motion
passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder,
Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99, In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
PO #2 its own Motion, seeking to administer the Universal Service
Fund High-Cost Program. Motion made by Commissioner Mary
Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order
authorizing payments and setting project notice deadline of July 16,
2021. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades,
Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-108 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
its own Motion, seeking to make adjustments to its High-
Cost distribution mechanism and make revisions to its reporting
requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by
Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order authorizing payments.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram
and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting
NAY.

Cullen Robbins discussed the Hearing Officer Orders entered
on January 8, 2021, in NUSF-92.57 and NUSF-92.58.

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STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.22 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: City of Columbus, to enter an Order amending the annual funding allocation for City of Columbus due to consolidation of 911 Services with Polk County, and

911-042.34 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: Polk County. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order ceasing annual funding for Polk County, due to consolidation of 911 Services with City of Columbus. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1640, In the Matter of the Application of VIP Limousine, LLC
Supp. 1 d/b/a VIP Limousine, Omaha, seeking to acquire, through purchase and transfer, the authority held by Emerald Limousine, Inc., Omaha, Certificate No. B-1769. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting transfer and cancelling Certificate B-1769. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-1797 In the Matter of the Application of Price's Party Patrol, LLC, Lexington, seeking to extend its authority as a common carrier to transport passengers by limousine between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No;

B-1997 In the Matter of the Application of Richwood Transport of Nebraska, LLC, Middleton, Wisconsin, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van in open class service between points in Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Hall, Platte, Gage, Dodge, Madison, Lincoln, and Scotts Bluff counties over irregular routes pursuant to a contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, a Medicaid-managed care organization under contract with

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- NDHHS, or another agent working on behalf of NDHHS.
RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes;
- B-2009 In the Matter of the Application of Party on the Go, LLC, Kearney, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by bus in special party service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No;
- B-2011 In the Matter of the Application of Brad Johnson, d/b/a MVP Limousine, Scottsbluff, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by limousine between points in Perkins, Chase, Thomas, Logan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Frontier, Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Cheyenne, Morrill, Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan, Garden, Duel, Grant, Arthur, Keith, Lincoln, McPherson, Hooker, and Cherry counties and points between said counties over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No; and
- B-2012 In the Matter of the Application of Omaha's Very Own Party Bus, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by bus in special party and charter service between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties, and points between said counties, over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an orders of pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.
- M-14223 In the Matter of the Application of King's Moving, LLC, Gretna, seeking to extend its authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of household goods between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. No Motion was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Housing & Recreational Vehicle Department staff to travel to Kansas, Iowa, or South Dakota, as necessary for the performance of inspections, at any time in calendar year 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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Executive Director's recommendation to approve Grain Warehouses & Dealers Department staff to travel to or lodge in South Dakota or Kansas as necessary for the performance of inspections or examinations, at any time in calendar year 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on January 19, 2021.

Chair



Executive Director