

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published January 12, 2020 on page 3 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM 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 AM. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. 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:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021:

**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/ North Western 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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021:

**Commission Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

MT-001.01 Annual Renewal Requirements - **Show Cause Hearing**

1:30 p.m.-Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln  
Commissioner Rod Johnson, Hearing Officer

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5190 In the Matter of the Application of Legacy Long Distance International, Inc., Cypress, California, seeking authority to withdraw its interexchange certificate of authority and cancel its tariff. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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NUSF-1, PO #5 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Three River Telco. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to grant Three River Telco's extension request to March 15, 2021, for the payment audit otherwise due December 31, 2020. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram 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: Fusion Cloud Company, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to grant Fusion Cloud Company's remittance audit extension to July 30, 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-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: Crexendo Business Solutions, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to grant Crexendo Business Solutions, Inc.'s remittance audit extension to August 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.

WC Docket No. 20-445 In the Matter of the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram. Cullen Robbins sought approval to file written comments, due January 25, 2021. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-13 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to evaluate and establish, on a quarterly basis, an assessment for jurisdictional utilities pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1801 et seq. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter progression order #70. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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- NG-109 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a general rate increase; and
- FC-1369 In the Matter of the Heartland Natural Gas, LLC, Lincoln, Nebraska, v. Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC, Rapid City, South Dakota, regarding the Energy Options Program. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter assessment orders NG-109/BA-13, NG-109/BA-14 and FC-1369/BA-1. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.
- E-2481 In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County; and
- E-2482 In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an orders granting the applications. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 8 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during the fourth quarter of 2020. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 6; NorthWestern - 1; and Other Entities - 1.

## LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

- BR-590/  
B-1956 In the Matter of the Application of Lunjini Medical Transportation, LLC, LaVista, 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 Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.
- TR-218/  
B-1801 In the Matter of City Taxi, Inc., Omaha, 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 Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting emergency rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:07 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 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on January 25, 2021.

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Chair



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Executive Director