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Notice was duly published February 23, 2021 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 March 2, 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:

Tuesday, March 16, 2021:

**Commission Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

911-033.16 Sprint - **Hearing**

1:30 p.m. - Commission Hearing Room and via WebEx

Commissioner Crystal Rhoades - Hearing Officer

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5203 In the Matter of WestTel Communications, d/b/a Hooper Telephone Company, Hooper, seeking a waiver of the requirement of 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 regarding public pay stations. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order approving application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5204 In the Matter of the Application of Windstream Norlight, LLC, Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking authority to withdraw its interexchange certificate of authority and cancel its tariffs;

C-5205 In the Matter of the Application of Windstream NTI, LLC, Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking authority to withdraw its interexchange certificate of authority and cancel its tariffs. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Orders approving applications C-5204 and C-5205. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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

Outages for February 2021							
Carrier	Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Lines Affected	Primary Cause	Comments
Blair Telephone Company	Wayne, Carroll, Belden, Pender, Wakefield, Homer, Winnebago, Walthill, Rosalie, and Macy.	Feb-03-21	Feb-03-21	0 d 2 h	300	Other	Commercial power outage caused issues. Central offices never lost power because of generators. If customers had a phone that required power or a dead battery in a telephony cable modem, they would have been without phone service.
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Feb-19-21	Feb-22-21	3 d 0 h	361	Damaged Cable	Storms caused water to drain into our manholes - wet cable caused the outage. Weather delayed ability of the tech to address the issue. All customers were back up on Monday, 2/22/21.
Blair Telephone Company	Tekamah, Oakland, Lyons, Pender, Emerson, Wakefield, Wayne	Feb-25-21	Feb-25-21	0 d 11 h	500	Equipment	There was a scheduled upgrade on our DHCP server for cable modems and the upgrade caused an issue that started after the upgrade was complete and didn't cause enough issues to notice until morning. The upgrade was changed back and the issue has been resolved.

## NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-111/ PI-237 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the effect of the February 2021 cold weather event upon the cost of gas supply purchased by Nebraska gas utilities. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order opening the docket, setting workshops and notice of assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

E-2435 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Saline County, Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

R&R 205 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 14, Recreational Vehicles Rules and Regulations, to adopt the current editions of applicable code books and update related provisions. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder. Order Adopting Proposed Rules and Issuing Certificate of Adoption. 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-1976 In the Matter of the Application of The Beautiful Life Family Home Care LLC d/b/a Beautiful Life Medical Transport, Omaha, seeking to extend its authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van, sedan, and SUV between points in Lancaster county over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2020 In the Matter of the Application of Limousine Gonzalez, LLC, Waco, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by luxury and stretch limousine in limousine service between points in York, Seward, Lancaster, Saline, Fillmore, Clay, Hamilton, Merrick, Polk, Butler, Saunders, Sarpy, Douglas, Cass, Otoe, Platte, Madison, Colfax, Dodge, Hall, Buffalo, Adams, Clay, and Merrick counties, and 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 Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0001.01 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to address certain carriers in non-compliance with annual renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order to dismiss, in part. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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## GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

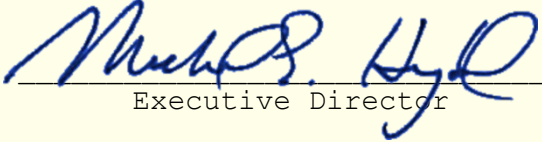
GD-2163 In the Matter of the Application of Edgar Grain Company, Oak, Nebraska, seeking authority to operate as a grain dealer pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-903 (Reissue of 2018). Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on March 15, 2021.

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Chair



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Executive Director