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Notice was duly published May 4, 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 May 11, 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, May 12, 2021:

911 Service System Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Commission Hearing Room and Via 911 Department WebEx link

Tuesday, May 18, 2021:

NUSF-4 NUSF Yearly Surcharge - **Hearing**
10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room and WebEx
Commissioner Mary Ridder - Hearing Officer

Tuesday, May 25, 2021:

Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5200 In the Matter of the Application of Claude and Ingrid Glenn, Doniphan, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Doniphan exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order denying application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

C-5216/ In the Matter of the Application of Glenwood
NUSF-126 Telecommunications, Inc., Blue Hill, Nebraska, seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, 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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C-5224 In the Matter of the Joint Application of Wholesale Carriers Services, Inc., Coral Springs, Florida, and BCM One Group Holdings, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, for approval of a Transfer of Control and for Authorization for Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc., to become a co-borrower with respect to certain debt financing previously approved by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5236/
DC-99 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission regarding the 2020 Annual Report Filings. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order opening show cause docket and, notice of scheduled Hearing for July 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room and, via web conference. 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: Public Communications Services, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to grant Public Communications Services, Inc.'s second extension request to May 31, 2021, to submit the 2019 NUSF 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-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 Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting Motion for Extension of Time. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-119/
PI-233 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to consider revisions to the contribution methodology and determine a rate-design for services currently subject to a revenues-based surcharge. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order revising the contribution methodology. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Tim Schram voting NAY.

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Cullen Robbins sought Commission approval for an NUSF Advisory Board Member Appointment. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder, to appoint Gary Needham's Gary Needham on the NUSF Advisory Board as representative of Schools, beginning January 1, 2021, for a 3-year term. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins discussed NUSF Late-Filed Carrier Remittances: Spiral Communications, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, that a Complaint be opened against Spiral Communications, LLC. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins discussed information from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator regarding the NPA exhaust projections.

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

Outages for April 2021							
Carrier	Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Lines Affected	Primary Cause	Comments
Hooper Telephone Company	Hooper & Uehling	Apr-12-21	Apr-13-21	1 d 0 h	494	Cable Cut	Locates were requested but not completed by Zayo. Zayo Fiber was cut by Alton, Iowa that our traffic travels along. Local calling not affected.
Hamilton Telephone Company	Aurora, Phillips	Apr-22-21	Apr-22-21	0 d 4 h	40	Cable Cut	We had a cut fiber in Aurora that caused an outage in the Platteview Estates area west of Phillips, Nebraska on 4-21-2021 from 4:56 pm to 8:30 pm. This area is located approximately 15 miles west of Aurora. The Technicians had to dig up and add a piece of fiber then splice the fiber and then it all came up restored at 8:30 pm. The outage affected 40 customers for 3 hours. There were no 911 calls during this time frame of the outage. The cause was Diamond Engineering with a track hoe.
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Apr-28-21		d h	140	Cable Cut	

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-019/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission,
 PI-118 on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222
 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for
 wireless enhanced 911 service. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram,
 seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an Order authorizing
 payments. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal
 Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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911-042.01 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: Nemaha County. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder to enter an Order approving the use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

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. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order approving the interim rate refund plan. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-111.2/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking PI-237 to investigate the effect of the February 2021 cold weather event upon the cost of gas supply purchased by Nebraska gas utilities. NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy. Motion made by Commissioner Mary Ridder, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order approving the recovery plan. 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-1889 In the Matter of the Application of Midwest Medical Transport Company, LLC, Columbus, seeking cancellation and revocation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-1889. No Motion was made to enter an Order cancelling certificate number B-1889; and

B-1968 In the Matter of the Application of FunFamily Party Bus, LLC, Omaha, seeking cancelation and revocation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-1968. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter Orders B-1889 and B-1968 cancelling certificate numbers B-1889 and B-1968. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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BR-596/ In the Matter of the Application of Lifeline
B-2022 Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Lifeline Transportation, 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 Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ridder,
to enter an Order granting rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
voting AYE.

BR-598/ In the Matter of the Application of Live Well Home Care,
B-1992 LLC, Sioux City, Iowa, 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 Rod Johnson,
seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter and Order granting
rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades,
Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

BR-607/ In the Matter of Mojo Mobility, LLC, Omaha, seeking to
B-1966 establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions
of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3; and

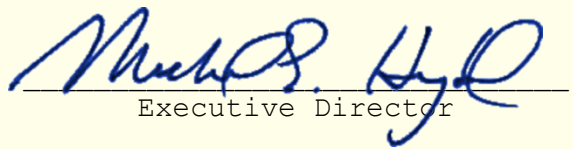
BR-608/ In the Matter of WADD I, LLC d/b/a Wings of Love, Omaha,
B-1745 seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.
Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod
Johnson, to enter Orders BR-607/B-1966 and BR-608/B-1745 granted on an
emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal
Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to replace two vehicles
in the Grain Department and one vehicle in the Transportation
department. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
Commissioner Mary Ridder. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 25,
2021 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the
Executive Director at 10:00 AM on May 24, 2021.

Chair



Executive Director