

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

Notice was duly published June 18, 2019 on Page 4 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on May 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. 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 a.m. 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:

Wednesday, June 26, 2019:

9:00 911 Service System Advisory Committee Working Group Meeting

Monday, July 15, 2019:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
NG-101.2 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska: North Western Corporation d/b/a North Western Energy Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, July 16, 2019:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5042 In the Matter of the Application of Randal Rainforth, Prosser, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer. 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.

C-5050/
DC-94 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission regarding the 2018 Annual Report Filings. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades presiding as Hearing Officer. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order dismissing, in part. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-5052 In the Matter of the Application of SQF, LLC, Portland, Maine, seeking approval of a Transfer of Control of SQF, LLC, to SDC Tilson Investor, LLC, New York, New York. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, 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.

AD-671r In the Matter of the Application of Campaign Marketing Strategies, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Chicago, Illinois.

AD-672r In the Matter of the Application of Campaign Marketing strategies, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Hudson, New York.

AD-673r In the Matter of the Application of Campaign Marketing Strategies, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Los Angeles, California. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter Orders granting applications. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

FC-1367 In the Matter of Platte Valley Financial Services Companies, Inc. and Affiliates, Complainants, v. CenturyLink Communications, LLC, Defendant. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer. Cullen Robbins discussed the Hearing Officer's Order entered on June 17, 2019, scheduling a hearing on August 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Event Center in the Scotts Bluff County Fairground, 130625 County Road E., Mitchell, Nebraska.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.29 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 Hastings. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order amending funding for call handling equipment. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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STATE 911 DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

911-042.44 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: Boone County;

911-042.69 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: Nance County.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter Orders 911-042.44 and 911-042.69, amending the annual funding allocation for Boone County and, ceasing annual funding for Nance County, due to consolidation of 911 Services with Boone County. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Dave Sankey informed the Commission that the next 911 Service System Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1877 In the Matter of the Application of Elite Party Buses, LLC, Lincoln, seeking authority to change an existing operation by transfer of stock ownership. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting transfer of stock ownership. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-1901 In the Matter of the Application of Mike's Handy Van, Lincoln, seeking to acquire, through sale and transfer, the authority held by Golden Plains Services Transportation, Inc., d/b/a GPS Transportation, Lincoln, in Certificate B-1829; and Servant Cab Company LLC, d/b/a Yellow Cab Company and Captial Cab Company, Lincoln, in Certificate B-1581. No Motion was made.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

- M-14249 In the Matter of the Application of CrossCountry Courier, Inc. d/b/a CrossCountry Freight Solutions, Inc., Bismark, North Dakota, seeking to acquire through transfer the authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce granted to Nebraska Transport Co., Inc., Scottsbluff, in Certificate M-11257 and supplements thereto; and
- M-14250 In the Matter of the Application of Maher Bros. Transfer & Storage, Inc., Iowa City, Iowa, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce granted to Smoldt Moving & Storage, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, in Certificate M-14198. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter Orders granting temporary operating authority in dockets M-14249 and M-14250. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.
- M-14109 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to revoke the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granted to Steven Halsey, d/b/a Blair Moving, Blair, in Certificate No. M-14109; and
- M-14221 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to revoke the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued to A & A Landscaping, Columbus, in Certificate No. M-14221. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Orders revoking Certificates M-14109 and M-14221. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.
- M-14229 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to require NST Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Aardvark Moving Company, Omaha, to show cause as to why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order Rescheduling Show Cause Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.
- BR-563/
B-1829 In the Matter of the Application of Golden Plains Services, Inc., d/b/a GPS Transportation, Inc., Lincoln, 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 an Order granting rates on emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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TR-213/ In the Matter of Checker Cab Company, Inc., Norfolk,
B-1433 seeking to amend 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 Dan
Watermeier, to enter an Order Granting Rates. Motion passed with
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram
and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-19 etal In the Matter of the attached list of completed list of
warehouse license renewals for the 2nd quarter of 2019:
Sallie Dietrich reported on the 2nd quarter grain warehouse renewal
licenses.

GW-2193 In the Matter of 81-20 Grain, LLC, Randolph, Nebraska:
Sallie Dietrich reported the grain warehouse license was
cancelled on June 3, 2019.

Grain Dealer Division

GD-19 etal In the Matter of the attached list of completed list of
grain dealer license renewals for the 2nd quarter of 2019:
Sallie Dietrich reported on the 2nd quarter grain dealer renewal
licenses.

GD-751 In the Matter of St. Paul Cooperative Grain Association,
Saint Paul, Nebraska: Sallie Dietrich reported the grain
dealer license was cancelled on June 14, 2019.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission
invoices. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and
Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to enter into an
Interagency Agreement for Services with the Nebraska Department of
Justice. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and
Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Executive Director's recommendation to approve travel to attend the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Summer Policy Summit, to be held in Indianapolis, IN, for Commissioner Crystal Rhoades from July 20, 2019 through July 23, 2019; Commissioner Mary Ridder from July 20, 2019 through July 23, 2019; Commissioner Tim Schram from July 21, 2019 through July 23, 2019; Shana Knutson from July 19, 2019 through July 24, 2019; and Cullen Robbins from July 19, 2019 through July 24, 2019, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve to travel to the Mid-America Regulatory Conference Annual Meeting, to be held in Des Moines, IA, for Commissioner Crystal Rhoades from August 11, 2019 through August 14, 2019; and Commissioner Mary Ridder from August 12, 2019 through August 13, 2019, with the first \$1,500 to be covered by stipend and the remaining expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve James Almond to travel to and attend the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials' (APCO) 2019 Conference, to be held in Baltimore, MD, from August 10, 2019 through August 15, 2019, with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2019.

Chair

Executive Director