

## PRELIMINARY MINUTES

Notice was duly published January 7, 2020 on page 6 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM 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 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. Commissioner Ridder announced that Ashley Beck has joined the Commission's General Administration Department as an Accountant.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

### Tuesday, January 14, 2020:

B-1679/ RailCrew Xpress Corporation, Lenexa KS - **Hearing**  
PI-227 1:30 p.m. - Commission Hearing Room  
Commissioner Dan Watermeier - Hearing Officer

### Wednesday, January 15, 2020:

NG-101.2 NorthWestern Energy - **Quarterly Status Meeting**  
PI-22 1:30 p.m. - Commission Hearing Room  
Commissioner Rod Johnson - Hearing Officer

### Wednesday, January 22, 2020:

#### **Commission Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

B-1995 Nebraska Health Transportation Agency, Omaha - **Hearing**  
11:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room  
Commissioner Rod Johnson - Hearing Officer

#### COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5069/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on  
PI-226 its own motion, to implement LB 641 (2019). Motion made by  
Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier,  
to enter an Order approving application. 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-5089 In the Matter of the Application of Austin Turner, Harvard, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Trumbull exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting boundary change. 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: Lingo Communications North, LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to grant Lingo Communications North's extension request to January 30, 2020, for the 2018 remittance audit, otherwise due December 31, 2019. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92.51 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, 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-99.06 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-cost Program: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska Broadband Grant Requests 2016. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting request to withdraw application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99.45 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program: Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Broadband Grant Request. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting application. 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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STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.10 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: Buffalo County. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.73 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: Sheridan County. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. 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-1948 In the Matter of the Application of Lift Medical Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking approval of a name change to Careem Transportation, LLC, Omaha. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting name change. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0001 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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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.

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| Dan Watermeier   |    | 157.76 |

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The meeting adjourned at 10:15 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 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on January 21, 2020.

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Chair

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Executive Director