

Chairman Vap called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Landis and Vap present and Commissioner Boyle excused.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published January 6, 2004, on Page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held January 13, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceeding:

Wednesday, January 14, 2004:

B-1557 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.
Supp. 1 Hope Transportation, Inc., Omaha, seeking authority as a
10:00 common carrier of passengers in open class service between
points in Cass, Otoe, Lancaster counties and between points
in said counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand,
points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Commissioner
Boyle chairing.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

AD-300 In the Matter of Collectcorp Corporation, Williamsville,
New York, seeking to connect an automatic dialing-announc-
ing device: Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by
Commissioner Frank Landis to grant the application. Motion passed
with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry
Vap voting AYE, Commissioner Anne Boyle Absent Not Voting. The
application was granted.

C-3026 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
to conduct a 9-month proceeding as contemplated by the
Federal Communications Commission in its Triennial Review Order adopt-
ing new rules for network unbundling obligations: Gene Hand informed
the Commission that a Motion was received from AT&T Communications of
the Midwest, Inc. and TCG Omaha, Inc. on January 9, 2004, requesting
the Commission to order Alltel to submit a formal batch hot cut pro-
posal. An order had been issued on January 7, 2004 overruling AT&T's
Objections and Motions to Dismiss.

C-3029 In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, seek-
ing approval of its Amendment to Qwest's Statement of
Generally Available Terms (SGAT), filed pursuant to Section (f) of the
1996 Telecommunications Act: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson,
seconded by Commissioner Lowell Johnson to grant the application.
Motion passed with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank
Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE, Commissioner Anne Boyle Absent Not
Voting. The application was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-3050 In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, seeking authority to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange service in all exchanges within the State of Nebraska in which Qwest is not currently a certified local exchange carrier: An order was entered denying the motion to dismiss, entering a procedural schedule and setting a hearing for April 6, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Boyle will preside as Hearing Officer. Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Lowell Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE, Commissioner Anne Boyle Absent Not Voting.

E-2025 In the Matter of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County: Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to grant the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE, Commissioner Anne Boyle Absent Not Voting. The application was granted.

Gene Hand provided the Commissioners with a copy of the order dated January 8, 2004, signed by Judge Steven D. Burns, that affirmed the Commission with respect to the declaratory decision issued August 19, 2003, sought by Lincoln Electric System.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-37.15 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. Claricom Networks, Inc., Respondent: An Order was entered dismissing the complaint. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis. Motion passed with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE, Commissioner Anne Boyle Absent Not Voting.

NUSF-33 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Jeff Pursley discussed the letter from TracFone, requesting an extension of the December 31, 2003, deadline to file their NUSF Worksheet audit. The Commission approved the request for extension, without objection.

Jeff Pursley discussed the letter from Cricket Communications, requesting an extension of the December 31, 2003, deadline to file their NUSF Worksheet audit. The Commission approved the request for extension without objection.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (Cont.)

Jeff Pursley discussed two letters received from Loel Brooks regarding Touch America and Global Crossing and their inability to provide timely NUSF Worksheet audits due to bankruptcy proceedings. Mr. Pursley recommended that both companies be given 14 days after they emerge from bankruptcy to file their respective audits. The Commission approved this recommendation without objection.

Jeff Pursley discussed the letter received from Qwest clarifying its previous letter, to include Qwest Wireless, seeking an extension of time to file their NUSF Worksheet audits. The Commission approved the request without objection.

E911 DEPARTMENT

PSAP-32 In the Matter of Perkins County, Grant, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs associated with Wireless E911 implementation: An order was entered to grant the application. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis. Motion passed with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE, Commissioner Anne Boyle Absent Not Voting.

NATURAL GAS AND WATER DEPARTMENT

NG-0001 In the Matter of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks
NG-0002 (Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general rate increase for
NG-0003 Aquila's Rate Area One, Rate Area Two and Rate Area
Three: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded
by Commissioner Lowell Johnson to approve an assessment order for HSD-
005. Motion passed with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson,
Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE, Commissioner Anne Boyle Absent Not
Voting.

NG-0013 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
to evaluate and establish, on a quarterly basis, an assess-
ment for jurisdictional utilities pursuant to the State Natural Gas
Regulation Act [LB 790, 2003]: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Lan-
dis, seconded by Commissioner Lowell Johnson to enter an assessment
order for the second quarter of the fiscal year. Motion passed with
Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap
voting AYE, Commissioner Anne Boyle Absent Not Voting.

NG-0015 In the Matter of Midwest United Energy, LLC, Lakewood,
Colorado, seeking authority as a Competitive Natural Gas
Provider in the state of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Frank
Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to grant the Motion for
Protective Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Lowell Johnson,
Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE, Commissioner Anne
Boyle Absent Not Voting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Commissioner Landis inquired about the natural gas rules and regulations. Laura Demman reported on the status.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Andy Pollock and Laura Demman reported on pending legislation.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

The following shortage was discussed:

- GW-2155 Corn at Bauman Livestock Feed & Supply, Inc., Martell:
- GW-19 In the Matter of J. E. Meuret Grain Co., Inc., Brunswick,
GW-2151 seeking a \$25,000.00 deductible on their stock insurance
 coverage: Application was granted.
- GW-1883 In the Matter of Salem Grain Co., Inc., Salem, seeking a
 measure-up of grain in its facilities: Request was
granted with necessary fees to be paid by applicant.
- GW-2101 In the Matter of the of Fox Grain of Gibbon, Inc., Gibbon:
 The application for special rates was dismissed.

Grain Dealer Division

The following applicant was granted a Grain Dealer License, subject to the fulfillment of all statutory requirements, for the license period ending June 30, 2004:

		<u>SECURITY</u>
GD-2875	Frenchman Valley Farmers Cooperative, Inc. Imperial	\$ 35,000

The following applicant was granted a Grain Dealer License, subject to the fulfillment of all statutory requirements, for the license period ending December 31, 2004:

		<u>SECURITY</u>
GD-2877	ConAgra Foods, Inc., dba Peavey Grain, Omaha	\$300,000
GD-2775	In the Matter of Hartford Fire Insurance Company seeking cancellation of it Continuous Grain Dealer Bond No. 14BSBAT6771 in the amount of \$150,000.00, issued on behalf of Red River Commodities, Inc., Fargo, ND: Application was granted effective January 10, 2004.	

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

GD-2867 In the Matter of Travelers Casualty & Surety Company seeking cancellation of its Continuous Grain Dealer Bond No. 03827177 in the amount of \$300,000.00, issued on behalf of Tinsley Grain, Inc., Neligh: Application was granted effective January 13, 2004.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Mark Luttich reported on the status of the New Mexico situation.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the following docket and action items of January 6, 2004, were ratified:

Commissioner Boyle moved to elect Commissioner Vap as Chairman of the Commission and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, Commissioner Vap was elected Chairman of the Commission.

Commissioner Landis moved to elect Commissioner Rod Johnson as Vice-Chairman of the Commission and Commissioner Lowell Johnson seconded the motion. Commissioners Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Landis and Vap voted aye and Commissioner Rod Johnson was present, not voting. The motion passed and Commissioner Rod Johnson was elected Vice Chairman of the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

AD-299r In the Matter of TPUSA, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, seeking to connect an automatic dialing-announcing device: An order was entered to grant the application. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3052 In the Matter of 1-800-RECONEX, Inc., Hubbard, Oregon, seeking authority to do business as USTel: An order was entered to grant the application. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-3053 In the Matter of Computer Network Technology Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a non-switched local exchange carrier and intrastate interexchange provider of telecommunications services: An order was entered to grant the application. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3054 In the Matter of Qwest Communications, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of the Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunication Services Interconnection Agreement for the State of Nebraska with Granite Telecommunications, LLC, Quincy, Massachusetts: An order was entered to grant the application. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3055 In the Matter of Choctaw Communications, Inc., d/b/a Smoke Signal Communications, Houston, Texas, seeking to cancel its authority as a resale carrier of intrastate interexchange and local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska previously granted in Application C-2218: An order was entered to grant the application to cancel the authority. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3056 In the Matter of NorVergence, Inc., Newark, New Jersey, seeking authority to operate as an interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska: An order was entered to grant the application. Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Lowell Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-37.13 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. American Farm Bureau, Respondent: An order was entered dismissing the complaint. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (Cont.)

NUSF-37.16 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. KDD, Inc., Respondent: An order was entered dismissing the complaint. Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NUSF-37.17 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. NUI Telecom, Inc.: Jeff Pursley discussed a letter received from NUI Telecom, requesting a reduction of administrative fines from \$730.93 to \$200.00. The Commission approved the reduction of administrative fines as discussed, without objection.

Jeff Pursley discussed the approval by the Commission of a contract regarding census data and exchange maps. Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Lowell Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Jeff Pursley discussed Charter-FiberLink's request for an extension regarding the NUSF Remittance Worksheet audits. The Commission approved, without objection, that Charter-FiberLink's request be granted.

Jeff Pursley discussed MCI's request for extension regarding NUSF Remittance Worksheet audits. The Commission approved, without objection, that MCI's request be granted.

NATURAL GAS AND WATER DEPARTMENT

NG-0001 In the Matter of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks
NG-0002 (Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general rate increase for
NG-0003 Aquila's Rate Area One, Rate Area Two and Rate Area
Three: Motion made by Commissioner Lowell Johnson,
seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to grant assessment order for
GDS-004. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson,
Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NG-0012 In the Matter of the Public Alliance for Community Energy
(ACE), Lincoln, seeking authority for a Competitive Natural
Gas Provider Certificate in the state of Nebraska: A hearing offi-
cer's order was entered suspending pre-hearing deadlines and canceling
the hearing previously set for January 13, 2004. Motion made by Com-
missioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Lowell Johnson to
grant the application as amended. Motion passed with Commissioners
Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS AND WATER DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NG-0014 In the Matter of Post Rock Gas, L.L.C., Tulsa, Oklahoma, seeking authority, and to include Temporary Authority, as a Competitive Natural Gas Provider in the state of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis to grant Temporary Authority for areas served in Kinder Morgan territories. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NG-0017 In the Matter of ONEOK Energy Marketing Company, Topeka, Kansas, seeking authority, and to include temporary authority, as a Competitive Natural Gas Provider in the state of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Lowell Johnson to grant Temporary Authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Jerry Vap voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Andy Pollock presented a resolution on 2004 legislation. Commissioner Lowell Johnson moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the resolution was adopted.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-2089 In the Matter of Employers Mutual Casualty Company seeking cancellation of its Continuous Public Grain Warehouse Bond No. T20 65 18 in the amount of \$138,600.00, issued on behalf of Winside Grain & Feed, Inc., Winside and Norfolk: Application was granted effective December 17, 2003.

GW-2101 In the Matter of Fox Grain of Gibbon, Inc., Gibbon, seeking cancellation of its Public Grain Warehouse License: Application was granted effective December 1, 2003.

Grain Dealer Division

The following applicants were granted a Grain Dealer License, subject to the fulfillment of all statutory requirements, for the license period ending June 30, 2004:

	<u>SECURITY</u>
GD-535 Farmers Union Coop. Supply Co., Clarkson	\$300,000
GD-578 Farmers Cooperative Grain and Supply Company Trenton	35,000
GD-1930 Mueller Grain, Inc., Emerson	300,000
GD-2141 Pender Grain, Inc., Pender	35,000
GD-2863 Agrex Inc., Overland Park, KS	84,000
GD-2864 Farmers Cooperative Association, Brule	70,000
GD-2872 West Plains Grain, Inc., Hay Springs	35,000

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

The following applicants were granted a Grain Dealer License, subject to the fulfillment of all statutory requirements, for the license period ending December 31, 2004:

		<u>SECURITY</u>
GD-2115	Farmers Elevator Company, A Cooperative Chappell	\$300,000
GD-2116	Hilltop Feed & Grain, Inc., Wisner	35,000
GD-2870	The Decatur Cooperative Association Oberlin, KS	188,000
GD-2878	Frontier Equity Exchange Association, Incorporated, Goodland, KS	101,000
GD-2773	In the Matter of Employers Mutual Casualty Company seeking cancellation of its Continuous Public Grain Dealer Bond No. T21 16 89 in the amount of \$81,000.00, issued on behalf of Roberts Seed, Inc., Axtell: Application was granted effective December 24, 2003.	
GD-2791	In the Matter of Old Republic Surety Company seeking cancellation of its Continuous Public Grain Dealer Bond No. RLI 491725 in the amount of \$35,000.00, issued on behalf of Robert E. Semler dba Semler Fertilizer & Grain, Dorchester: Application was granted effective January 3, 2004.	

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1352 In the Matter of Executive Limousine Service, Inc.. Norfolk, seeking revocation and cancellation of the common carrier authority in Certificate Number B-1352: Commissioner Rod Johnson moved to grant the application and Commissioner Lowell Johnson seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, revocation was granted and the authority in B-1352 revoked.

B-1514 In the Matter of All Nations Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, dba All Nations Specialized Transport and Travel Service, Lincoln, seeking a suspension of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Application B-1514 until April 1, 2004: Commissioner Landis moved to grant the application and Commissioner Lowell Johnson seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the certificate was suspended until April 1, 2004.

B-1611 In the Matter of Angel Vazquez, dba El Aguila Transportation, Lexington, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce by van in open class service over regular routes between points in Lexington over regular routes and between points within a 40-mile radius of Lexington over irregular routes: Commissioner Rod Johnson moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, an order to show cause was entered and a hearing set for February 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Vap will preside as Hearing Officer.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

B-1616 In the Matter of Jose Luis Rodrigues, dba Pumas Taxi, Fremont, seeking authority as a carrier of passengers including HHS designation, between points in Fremont and between points in Fremont and points within a 60-mile radius of Fremont over irregular routes via sedan in Nebraska intrastate commerce: Commissioner Rod Johnson moved to grant the application and Commissioner Lowell Johnson seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the notice of pending dismissal was entered.

B-1639 In the Matter of LS Enterprises, Inc., dba Ollie The Trollie, Omaha, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority granted to Western Sightseeing Tours, Inc. in Certificate B-1328: Commissioner Boyle moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the application was granted and Certificate B-1328 revoked.

B-1640 In the Matter of VIP Limousine LLC, Omaha, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority granted to Alford Oil Company, dba VIP Limousine, in Certificate B-1590 and Supplement 1: Commissioner Boyle moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the application was granted and Certificate B-1590, Supplement 1, revoked.

B-1641 In the Matter of VIP Limobus LLC, Omaha, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority granted to Alford Oil Company, dba VIP Limousine, in Certificate B-1590 and Supplements 2 and 3: Commissioner Boyle moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the application was granted and Certificate B-1590, Supplement 2 and 3, revoked.

M-12873 In the Matter of William C. McGraw, Jr., dba R&R Delivery, York: Commissioner Lowell Johnson moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, an order to show cause was entered and a hearing set for February 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Rod Johnson will preside as Hearing Officer.

M-14110 In the Matter of Mike's Moving, Inc., Omaha: Commissioner Lowell Johnson moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, an order to show cause was entered and a hearing set for February 9, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Boyle will preside as Hearing Officer.

M-14170 In the Matter of Chuck Garcia, dba AAA Piano Moving, Omaha: Commissioner Lowell Johnson moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, an order to show cause was entered and a hearing set for February 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Boyle will preside as Hearing Officer.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

M-14177 In the Matter of Brian Everett Benson, dba B.E. #1 Service, Omaha: Commissioner Lowell Johnson moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, an order to show cause was entered and a hearing set for February 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Boyle will preside as Hearing Officer.

M-14181 In the Matter of Adam Baker/Alex Baker, dba A & A Moving, Fremont: Commissioner Lowell Johnson moved to grant the application and Commissioner Landis seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, an order to show cause was entered and a hearing set for February 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Lowell Johnson will preside as Hearing Officer.

Rate Division

MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Motor Carrier Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to establish a fuel surcharge in Nebraska Official Household Goods Tariff 7-E: The fuel surcharge was increased to 16 cents per mile and the taxi surcharge was retained at 20 cents per trip.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Landis moved to approve invoices and Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the Commission approved the following invoices:

DAS - Communications	\$ 2,103.41
DAS - Materiel	432.41
DAS - TSB - Voyager	560.30
Executive Travel	358.50
Kelly Services	1,064.00
Kelly Services	494.38
Kelly Services	532.00
Kelly Services	393.75
Andy Pollock	160.00

NEBRASKA EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Aksarben TDD Service	391.95
Audiology Services & HAC, P.C.	1,034.55
Bosler Hearing Aid Center	180.45
Grand Island Hearing Aid Center Inc	165.00
Carl A Johnson	2,068.35
Johnson Hearing Aid Service, Inc.	856.37
Janet Killam	1,807.80
Audio Visual Mart, Inc.	6,495.00
McCook Pharmacy & Medical Supply	2,556.03
Professional Hearing Aid Services	2,284.90
Sherard Hearing Aid Center	507.80

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Teltex	\$ 1,145.92
Hearing Clinic, Inc.	1,150.00
Hearing Clinic, Inc.	215.00

Upon motion by Commissioner Lowell Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Boyle, the Commission approved an amendment to the Commission's deficit request for the NUSF. The request will be increased \$9,960.00 for the purpose of a contract regarding census data and exchange maps.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1548 In the Matter of Omaha Limousine, LLC, Omaha, seeking
Supp. 3 authority as a common carrier of passengers by bus in char-
ter and special party between points in Douglas, Sarpy,
Washington and Lancaster Counties, and between points in said coun-
ties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over
irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train
crews and their baggage is not authorized: Upon agreement of all Com-
missioners present, the application was dismissed.

M-14171 In the Matter of Albert McCain, dba Al's Hauling & Moving,
Omaha: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, the
Order to Show Cause was sustained and the authority revoked.

M-14110 In the Matter of Mike's Moving, Inc., Omaha: The hearing
previously set for February 9, 2004, was rescheduled for
February 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room,
Lincoln.

Bob Harrison updated the Commission on informal complaints.

Commissioner Rod Johnson left the Commission Hearing Room.

Shana Knutson updated the Commission on open dockets.

Rate Division

LR-246 In the Matter of Roger and Lori Anderson dba LA Limo, North
Platte, seeking authority to establish limousine rates for
it use: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, the application
was granted on an emergency basis.

LR-247 In the Matter of Brown's Crew Car of Wyoming, dba Armadillo
Express, Cheyenne, Wyoming, seeking authority to adjust its
rates and charges: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, the
application was granted on an emergency basis.

TR-132 In the Matter of Safeway Cabs, Omaha, seeking authority to
adjust its rates and charges: A hearing was set for
January 27, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lin-
coln.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to establish a fuel surcharge in Nebraska Official Household Goods Tariff 7-E: The fuel surcharge was increased to 18 cents per mile and the taxi surcharge was retained at 20 cents per trip.

Commissioner Rod Johnson entered the Commission Hearing Room.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Commission approved the following invoices:

DAS - Correctional Services	\$ 1,333.32
DAS - Materiel - Office Supplies	984.82
DAS - Materiel - Printing	394.11
Kelly Services	369.60
Kelly Services	492.80
Robert Bowman	731.29
Donald Gray	361.15
Jim Hames	341.51
Kent Pribyl	354.12

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, Commission minutes for the month of December, 2003, were approved.

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, authorization was granted for Fred Massing to travel to Clay Center, Kansas, on January 14, 2004, to perform a modular housing unit factory inspection of Wardcraft Homes with all expenses to be reimbursed to the Commission by Wardcraft Homes.

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, authorization was granted for Kent Pribyl and Mark Luttich to attend the Mid-West Manufactured Home Association Annual Conference and Interstate Building Commission meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, from February 5-6, 2004.

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, authorization was granted for Tyler Frost to attend the 2004 Eastern Economic Association 30th Annual Conference to be held in Washington, DC, from February 19-22, 2004.

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, authorization was granted for Commissioners Anne Boyle and Rod Johnson to attend the National Regulatory Research Association (NRRI) Commissioners Only Summit to be held in San Diego, California, from January 16-20, 2004, with \$500 of expenses to be paid by NRRI.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, authorization was granted for Commissioners, Gene Hand, Jeff Pursley and Laura Demman to attend the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Winter Conference to be held in Washington, DC, from March 6-10, 2004.

Commissioner Rod Johnson moved that the Commission go into closed session to discuss personnel and litigation issues and Commissioner Lowell Johnson seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the Commission went into closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Commissioner Landis moved that the Commission return to open session and Commissioner Lowell Johnson seconded the motion. Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the Commission returned to open session at 11:15.

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, authorization was granted to offer the NUSF Policy Analyst position to Camelia Wills.

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, authorization was granted to upgrade the grain warehouse computer equipment for field staff.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m. with Commissioners Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Landis and Vap present and Commissioner Boyle excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 21, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 20, 2004.

Chairman

Executive Director