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An emergency meeting of the Nebraska Public Service Commission was convened in the Commission Library, Lincoln, at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to determine Commission response to a letter from NorthWestern Corporation, dated October 7, 2004, regarding proposed refinancing of debt.

Chairman Vap called the meeting to order. The meeting was conducted with Commissioners Lowell Johnson and Frank Landis present in the Commission Library, Lincoln, and Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson and Gerald Vap present telephonically. Also present in the Commission Library were Roger Cox, Public Advocate; John Burvainis, Deputy Director of the Commission; Laura Demman, Director, Natural Gas Department; and Steve Stovall, Commission Staff Accountant. Present telephonically representing Northwestern Corporation were Alan Dietrich and Ronald Depue.

Laura Demman informed the Commission that the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star were notified of the emergency meeting on October 8, 2004, at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, that the Commission direct Laura Demman to send a letter to NorthWestern Corporation stating that based upon the financial information filed and verified, an application pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statutes section 66-1827 is not required. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Chairman

Deputy Director