

Chairman Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present. Chairman Schram announced 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. Chairman Schram recognized Ed Cole for his service on the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) Advisory Board.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published March 22, 2016 on Page 5 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on March 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, March 29, 2016:

1:30 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Rule and In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
Regulation to amend Title 291, Chapter 8, Grain Warehouse Rules and
#195 Regulations, to adopt rules in accordance with Nebraska
Legislative Bill 183 [2015] and clarify provisions
regarding in-store transfer notices. Commissioner Jerry Vap
presiding as Hearing Officer.

Tuesday, April 5, 2016:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

AD-615r In the Matter of the Application of Echo 19 LLC, dba Echo
Research, Washington, DC, seeking authority to register the
connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device;
AD-616r In the Matter of the Application of Voice Broadcasting,
Arlington, Texas, seeking authority to register the
connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device; and
AD-617r In the Matter of the Application of TMone, LLC, Iowa City,
Iowa, seeking authority to register the connection of an
automatic dialing-announcing device in Winter Springs, Florida: Motion
made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap,
to enter orders granting applications AD-615r, AD-616r, and AD-617r.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal
Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4810 In the Matter of the Commission on its own motion, seeking to determine the surcharge for the statewide Telecommunications Relay System (TRS) to be effective July 1, 2016, in the State of Nebraska. Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order setting the surcharge. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

FC-1365 In the Matter of the Howard County Medical Center, St. Paul, Nebraska, v. BCN Telecom, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey, alleging erroneous charges. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order sustaining the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-4812 In the Matter of Three River Communications, Lynch, Nebraska, seeking a residential and business rate increase. Gene Hand informed the Commission that an insufficient number of petitions were received to initiate a review of the proposed rate increase, therefore, a letter was sent March 28, 2016, informing Three River Communications that the rate increase could be implemented.

C-4813 In the Matter of Three River Telco, Lynch, Nebraska, seeking a residential rate increase. Gene Hand informed the Commission that an insufficient number of petitions were received to initiate a review of the proposed rate increase, therefore, a letter was sent March 28, 2016, informing Three River Telco that the rate increase could be implemented.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

911-042.57 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 services: City of Alliance: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order approving funding. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-1 PO #7 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Bandwidth.com, Inc.:
 Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to grant Bandwidth.com, Inc.'s request for an extension to May 30, 2016, to submit the NUSF Remittance Audit, which was due December 31, 2015. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Sue Vanicek discussed the vacant chair on the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's (NUSF) Advisory Board. Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to approve the appointment of Christa Burns, Library Development Consultant at the Nebraska Library Commission, as the new Library representative on the NUSF Advisory Board. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0086 BE-008 BE-009 CA-004 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Papillion, seeking approval of its Cost of Service Gas Hedge Agreement with Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer; and
 NG-0088 BE-003 BE-004 In the Matter of the Application of Source Gas Distribution, LLC, Golden, Colorado, seeking approval of the Regulatory Treatment of the Net Buyout Costs of Two Gas Supply-Related Contracts, the Costs Associated with Financing the Buyout Costs, and Other Specified Relief.
 Commissioner Jerry Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter Assessment Orders BE-008, BE-009 and CA-004 in Docket NG-0086; and Assessment Orders BE-003 and BE-004 in Docket NG-0088. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy reported that LB 730 and the budget bill passed final reading. Nichole Mulcahy also reported that LB 938 is on the Legislature's Select File agenda.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

GW-20 et al. In the Matter of the attached list of completed list of grain warehouse license renewals for the 1st quarter of 2016: John Fecht reported on the 1st quarter renewal of grain warehouse renewal licenses.

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GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

- GW-1013 In the Matter of Bruning Grain & Feed Co., Inc., Bruning, Nebraska: John Fecht Reported on the shortage of soybeans.
- GW-2191 In the Matter of Mid Plains Grain, LLC, Wayne, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on the shortage of oats.
- GD-153 In the Matter of the attached list of completed list et al. of grain dealer license renewals for 1st quarter of 2016: John Fecht reported the 1st quarter grain dealer renewal licenses.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Schram invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

AS Central Services	\$	3,545.96
Crystal Rhoades		158.75
Gerald Vap		1,014.12

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission minutes for February, 2016. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 2016.

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Chairman



Executive Director