

Chairman Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, and Tim Schram present and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Gerald Vap excused. Chairman Schram 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.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published August 30, 2016 on Page 3 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on September 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceeding:

Tuesday, September 13, 2016:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

E-2378 In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Lancaster County: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an order granting the extension. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the telecommunications complaints and outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month.

Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc. d/b/a Hartelco's residential rate increase.

Commissioner Crystal Rhoades discussed meetings she and the Communication staff participated in with 811 Board regarding cable cuts. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades asked that the table on the following page be appended to the minutes.

Outage No.	Telephone Company	City	Outage Date	Outage Time	Date Reported	Time Reported	Completion Date	Completion Time	Duration Hrs:Min:Sec	Cause of Outage	Number of Access Lines	
16-09	CenturyLink	Omaha	8/1/2016	4:25:00 PM	8/2/2016	6:38:00 AM	8/3/2016	12:00:00 PM	43:35:00	Damaged Cable	243	Cited "Human Error - Public"
16-10	CenturyLink	Scottsbluff	8/4/2016	6:49:00 AM	8/4/2016	8:03:00 AM	8/4/2016	10:32:00 PM	15:43:00	Total Switch Failure	133	Possible fiber cut - Failed fiber cable replaced
16-11	CenturyLink	O'Neill	8/6/2016	9:02:00 AM	8/6/2016	9:45:00 AM	8/6/2016	9:39:00 AM	0:37:00	Lightning Strike	1	
16-12	CenturyLink	Omaha	8/8/2016	8:00:00 AM	8/8/2016	9:52:00 AM	8/11/2016	1:45:00 PM	77:45:00	Wet Cable	102	Technicians repaired the wet cable
16-14	CenturyLink	Omaha	8/9/2016	5:00:00 PM	8/9/2016	6:50:00 PM	8/11/2016	4:30:00 PM	47:30:00	Cable Cut	104	Cited "Human Error - Public"
16-13	Great Plains	Chadron	8/10/2016	8:00:00 AM	8/10/2016	10:06:00 AM	8/10/2016	9:20:00 AM	1:20:00	Coax Line was cut by contractor		
16-16	CenturyLink	Grand Island	8/12/2016	4:37:00 PM	8/12/2016	6:44:00 PM	8/12/2016	7:30:00 PM	2:53:00	Cable Cut	171	Human Error - Public
16-17	CenturyLink	Omaha	8/12/2016	4:42:00 PM	8/12/2016	8:37:00 PM	8/13/2016	1:15:00 PM	20:33:00	Equipment	180	Technician reset the software in the pair gain system
16-15	CenturyLink	Omaha	8/12/2016	9:10:00 AM	8/12/2016	11:10:00 AM	8/12/2016	3:00:00 PM	5:50:00	Wet Cable	102	Acts of Nature/God - Wet Cable
16-18	American Broadband	Walthill, Winnebago, Macy & Rosalie	8/15/2016	8:22:00 AM	8/15/2016	8:47:00 AM	8/15/2016	11:15:00 AM	2:53:00	Equipment	1000	Batteries on generator failed to pick up load.
16-19	CenturyLink	Fremont	8/16/2016	4:15:00 PM	8/16/2016	6:47:00 PM	8/17/2016	11:00:00 AM	18:45:00	Cable Cut	25	Reported in error, did not meet reporting threshold
16-20	CenturyLink	Omaha	8/17/2016	9:20:00 AM	8/17/2016	11:29:00 AM	8/18/2016	11:00:00 AM	25:40:00	Cable Cut	10	Withdrawn - Event did not meet reporting thresholds
16-21	CenturyLink	Bellevue	8/19/2016	12:39:00 PM	8/19/2016	2:40:00 PM	8/23/2016	10:00:00 AM	93:21:00	Cable Cut	328	Possible Offutt AFB Security issue for resolution - Human Error - Public
16-22	CenturyLink	Wakefield	8/22/2016	4:30:00 PM	8/22/2016	6:42:00 PM	8/22/2016	8:00:00 PM	3:30:00	Cable Cut	123	
16-23	Windstream	Beatrice	8/30/2016	5:05:00 PM	8/30/2016	5:05:00 PM	9/2/2016	4:00:00 AM	58:55:00	Wet Cable	250	

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

911-024.53 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to develop policies and process requests for access to GIS data and the GIS Repository: ALK Technologies: no action was taken at this time.

NUSF-92.45 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program: Application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from: Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC/Adoption: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis and Tim Schram voting AYE, Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap excused, not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0086 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: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter Assessment Order BE-0018. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

Scott Coburn reported a total number of 9 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during August. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 0; Black Hills Distribution - 6; and NorthWestern - 1; and Other Entities - 2.

Scott Coburn provided a monthly service outage report for jurisdictional utilities, along with the interstate pipelines in Nebraska that physically deliver natural gas to these distribution systems during August, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE

Shana Knutson discussed the Interim Study Hearings that have been scheduled for October 21, 2016 and October 26, 2016. Commissioner Tim Schram asked about FCC Preemption of state lifeline programs.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1914 In the Matter of Senior Services, Inc., Alliance, seeking to operate as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the open class transportation of passengers by van and bus in Box Butte, Sheridan, Dawes, Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Morrill, Cheyenne, Garden, Deuel, Grant, Arthur, and Keith counties: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an order dismissing application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

B-1922 In the Matter of Premier Limousine, LLC, Broken Bow, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority granted to Destinations d/b/a Chauffeured Services, LLC, Broken Bow, in Certificate B-1916: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the transfer. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

BR-509/
B-1886 In the Matter of Ambassador Transportation, LLC, Omaha, 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 Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the rates on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap excused not voting.

Ted Burkey	\$	1,918.75
Dell		3,251.80
Fred Massing		4,961.00
Kent Pribyl		1,145.06
Jeff Pursley		746.57
Ken Stadler		1,760.00
Tim Schram		771.12

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

NEBRASKA EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM: Batch#4572602 \$ 2,000.00

Tobii Dynavox

Batch#4572609 \$ 6,403.42

Beltone
Nebraska Hearing Center
Professional Hearing-Aid Services
Sherard Hearing Centers
Talk To Me Technologies, LLC
Teltex, Inc.
The Hearing Clinic
Viaero Wireless
Western ENT Associa142tes, PC
Western Hearing Solutions

Deputy Director's discussion of and action on several budget items: no action was taken at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, and Tim Schram present and Commissioners Rod Johnson and Gerald Vap excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 13, 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 September 12, 2016.


Chairman


Executive Director

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