

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. PI-231
Commission, on its own motion,)
responding to the COVID-19) ORDER OPENING DOCKET
state of emergency.) AND ISSUING EMERGENCY
) MEASURES
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) Entered: March 24, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"), on its own motion, opens this docket for the purpose of responding to the state of emergency declared in Nebraska on March 13, 2020 with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. This docket encompasses each Commission department, as well as Commission operations as a whole.

While many state functions may be slowed or delayed as a result of the state of emergency, the Commission is tasked with ensuring certain essential state functions remain operative. The Commission recognizes that current recommendations are to suspend large gatherings of people and to minimize contacts wherever possible. The Commission also wishes to protect the safety and health of Nebraska residents. To those ends, the Commission makes the following findings and takes the following actions:

1. **Commission Procedure.**

- a. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-03, issued on March 17, 2020, Commission meetings, workshops, and hearings shall be conducted via telephone or video conference unless otherwise noticed. Notice of each meeting, workshop, or hearing will include instructions for the public to attend and participate in public comment periods, if applicable.
- b. The Commission finds that circumstances may arise in the course of this emergency which prevent a quorum of Commissioners from meeting. Therefore, the Commission hereby authorizes, for the duration of this emergency, the Hearing Officer in this docket or the Executive Director of the Commission to take the following actions if necessary:
 - i. Reviewing and approving Commission invoices as appropriate for the duration of this emergency;