## NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,	)	APPLICATION NO. MANF-12
on its own motion, seeking to	)	
determine the seal fee amount	)	ORDER SETTING FEE
for the Manufactured Home	)	
Program.	)	ENTERED: September 10, 2019

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 30, 2019, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered an order opening the above-captioned proceeding to determine the appropriate seal fee for the Manufactured Home Program ("Program") and to set a hearing. Notice of the Proceeding appeared in <a href="The Daily Record">The Daily Record</a>, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 2, 2019.

The Commission is charged by statute to hold an annual public hearing to determine the amount of seal fee necessary to carry out the provisions of the Manufactured Home Program pursuant to the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-4601 to 71-4620.01 (2018).

A Public hearing was held on August 27, 2019, in the Commission Hearing Room.

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

Mark Luttich, Director of the Commission's Housing Department, testified on behalf of the staff. Director Luttich recommended the current seal fee remain steady at Four Hundred dollars (\$400.00). The HUD manufactured home label is per transportable section and is the only fee in the Program. Director Luttich testified regarding the Public Service Commission Housing and Recreational Vehicle Cash Fund ("Cash Fund"). The Cash Fund is used to fund all programs within the Department. Director Luttich testified the Cash Fund balance as of the date of the hearing was around Three Hundred Sixty Thousand dollars (\$360,000.00). Director Luttich stated that if the Department no longer received income, the Cash Fund could fund all departmental programs for an additional eight months.

The Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes allows the Commission to determine the appropriate seal fee based on the revenues and expenses of the Manufactured Homes Program.

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The Department has been operating at reduced staffing levels and continues to utilize the services of independent contractors to keep the Department workload at manageable levels to timely respond to factory needs. The Cash Fund currently contains approximately an eight month reserve to fund the Department's needs with a reasonable reserve.

The Commission finds the fee should remain for the time being at Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). The Commission will continue to closely monitor the financial situation of the industry and the Department and will reevaluate the seal fee and make adjustments accordingly before the next annual review if necessary.

Therefore, the Commission finds the seal fee should remain at the current Four Hundred dollars (\$400.00) per seal, effective November 1, 2019.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that, pursuant to the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes, the Manufactured Home Program seal fee should remain at Four Hundred dollars (\$400.00) per seal, effective November 1, 2019.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $10^{\rm th}$  day of September, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

Mary Reddy