## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Cullen Robbins,	) Application No. ADC-13
Director of the Communications	) ,
Department of the Nebraska	)
Public Service Commission,	)
	)
Complainant,	) DISMISSED
<b>v</b> .	)
Public Policy Polling,	
Respondent.	)
	) Filed: February 27, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On December 19, 2017, the Communications Department (Department) Director filed a Complaint against Public Policy Polling, (Respondent) seeking to address two separate counts of alleged violations. In the first count, the Department alleged that on November 8, 2017, Respondent began transmitting messages which failed to clearly identify on whose behalf the message was being transmitted at the beginning of the call.¹ Additionally, the Respondent failed to file the script for the November 8 message until November 15.² The filed script exceeded the maximum time of two minutes.³ In the second count, Department alleged the Respondent began transmitting messages on November 13, 2013, which again failed to clearly identify the person on whose behalf the message was being transmitted at the beginning of the call.⁴ The filed script in this count also exceeded the maximum time of two minutes.⁵

The Department received proof of service showing Respondent was served December 26, 2017. On January 19, 2018, the Department sent a letter to Respondent notifying them the time for answer had passed and the allegations would be accepted as true. The letter further outlined the fining policies and informed Respondent of their right to have a hearing. The letter was sent certified mail and proof of service showed it was delivered February 7, 2018. Respondent did not follow up with the Department. However, Respondent did remit payment in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-256 (2) (a) and 291 NAC 11 §004.04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-256 (1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>291 NAC 11 §004.03

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-256 (2) (a) and 291 NAC 11 §004.04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 291 NAC 11 §004.03

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full satisfaction of the fine outlined in the letter. Given that Respondent has paid the fine amount consistent with the fining policy, this Complaint should be dismissed.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Public Policy Polling has satisfied the Complaint by payment of the associated fine.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Complaint should be and hereby, is dismissed.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $27^{\rm th}$  day of February, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Mary Ridder