Minutes of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission State of Oklahoma

August 13, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

These are the minutes for the Corporation Commission's ("Commission") regular meeting conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act on August 13, 2024, in the Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Archived Commission meeting recordings may be accessed on the Commission's website.

The notice and agenda for the meeting were publicly posted at the principal office of the Commission at the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 at 1:15 p.m., August 12, 2024, by Commission employees acting under the direction of Chairman Kim David. The notice and agenda are also made available to the public on the Commission's website, oklahoma.gov/occ. A copy of the notice and agenda is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Chairman David called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Kim David, Commissioner Bob Anthony, and Commissioner J. Todd Hiett. A quorum of the Commission was present. Interested persons participated in the meeting in person or by teleconference/videoconference when and as authorized.

Consideration of proposed or potential orders in cases on attached 24-hour signing agenda docket. The Commission may discuss and consider alterations, revisions, or amendments to the proposed or potential orders. (Votes may be taken on individual cases on the 24-hour signing agenda docket as a whole, or both by individual cases and the remaining docket.) Commissioner David announced the agenda item. Discussion was held. The Commissioners unanimously approved the proposed orders.

Case No. PUD2023-000086, Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, an Oklahoma Corporation, for an Adjustment in its Rates and Charges and the Electric Service Rules, Regulations and Conditions of Service for Electric Service in the State of Oklahoma and to Approve Various Cost Recovery Mechanisms.

- A. <u>Discussion and possible vote(s) on an Order Referring Case to Administrative Law Judge, and/or any alterations, revisions, or amendments thereto proposed at the meeting</u>
- B. <u>Discussion and possible vote(s) on a Second Amended Preliminary Order, and/or any alterations, revisions, or amendments thereto proposed at the meeting</u> Commissioner David announced the agenda item and presented both a proposed *Order Referring Case to Administrative Law Judge* and a proposed *Second Amended Preliminary Order* for consideration and Commission vote. Discussion was held. Commissioner David CALLED FOR VOTE on the proposed *Order Referring Case to Administrative Law Judge*.

VOTE: Commissioner David Aye
Commissioner Hiett Aye

Commissioner Anthony Aye

The order was approved.

Commissioner David CALLED FOR A VOTE on the proposed Second Amended Preliminary Order.

VOTE: Commissioner David Aye

Commissioner Hiett Aye
Commissioner Anthony Aye

The order was approved.

Case No. PUD2024-000032, Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, an Oklahoma Corporation, for a Proceeding before the Commission En Banc as Provided for by Order No. 738226 to Address the Private Letter Ruling Received from the Internal Revenue Service

- A. Status update from Public Service Company of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers concerning compliance with Order No. 743260
- B. <u>Discussion and possible vote(s) on an Order Referring Case to Administrative Law Judge,</u> and/or any alterations, revisions, or amendments thereto proposed at the meeting
- C. Discussion and possible vote(s) on an Amended Order Granting Motion for Procedural Schedule, and/or any alterations, revisions, or amendments thereto proposed at the meeting Commissioner David announced the agenda item and recognized Kenneth Tillotson, legal counsel for Public Service Company of Oklahoma, for a status update on this item. Commissioner David presented both a proposed Order Referring Case to Administrative Law Judge and a proposed Amended Order Granting Motion for Procedural Schedule. Hearing no questions, Commissioner David CALLED FOR A VOTE on the proposed Order Referring Case to Administrative Law Judge.

VOTE: Commissioner David Aye
Commissioner Hiett Aye

Commissioner Anthony Aye

The order was approved.

Commissioner David **CALLED FOR A VOTE** on the proposed *Amended Order Granting Motion for Procedural Schedule*.

VOTE: Commissioner David Aye

Commissioner Hiett Aye
Commissioner Anthony Aye

The order was approved.

Case No. CD2024-001745, Application of Robyn Strickland, Director of Oil and Gas Conservation Division Oklahoma Corporation Commission, for Statewide Proration Formula for Unallocated

Gas Wells for the Period of October, 2024, through September, 2025 – Hearing, deliberations, and possible vote(s) on a proposed Order Establishing Proration Formula for the Period of October 1, 2024, through September 30 2025, and/or any alterations, revisions, or amendments thereto proposed at the meeting Commissioner David announced the agenda item and recognized Tyler Trout, deputy general counsel for the Oil and Gas Conservation Division ("OGCD"), to present this agenda item. Duncan Woodliff, oil and gas specialist for OGCD, was sworn in by Commissioner David to give testimony on behalf of OGCD. Discussion was held. Commissioner David opened the floor for public comment. Public comment was taken from several persons present in Suite C50. Commissioner David CALLED FOR A VOTE on the proposed order.

VOTE: Commissioner David Aye
Commissioner Hiett Aye
Commissioner Anthony Aye

The order was approved.

<u>Discussion, nomination, and possible vote(s) to designate a Commission Vice Chairman, effective on August 14, 2024,</u> Commissioner David announced agenda item and MADE A MOTION to nominate Commissioner Anthony to serve as Vice Chairman, effective August 14, 2024. Commissioner David CALLED FOR A VOTE on this item.

VOTE: Commissioner David Aye
Commissioner Hiett No
Commissioner Anthony Aye

The motion was approved.

Commissioner Hiett stated that he would be issuing a statement after the meeting.

Discussion of current record retention schedules applicable to Commissioners and their staff, including those records on or associated with any government or personal device or account, to be presented by agency personnel Commissioner David announced the agenda item and recognized Trey Davis, public information officer, to provide details on agency process and procedures related to record retention. Discussion was held.

Status update on the hiring of an independent investigator to handle the non-criminal complaints regarding allegations of misconduct, to be presented by agency personnel Commissioner David announced the agenda item and recognized Pat Franz, general counsel, to provide an update on this matter. Discussion was held.

Commissioner David announced that the meeting would be in recess at 2:37 p.m., and would resume at 2:50 p.m on this date in Suite C50. Commissioner David announced that the Commission was back on the record at 2:50 p.m. with all three Commissioners still present.

Commissioner David announced that the following several agenda items were posted by Commissioner Anthony. Commissioner Hiett read a statement prior to commencement of agenda items IX through XII.

Submitted by Commissioner Bob Anthony:

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Consideration (with possible revisions or amendments), discussion (with possible revisions or amendments) and possible vote(s) (with possible revisions or amendments) to immediately suspend and prohibit the destruction or deletion of any records of any kind or type related to the activities of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission or its employees, by personnel of the OCC or any other custodial agency or third-party, including those records on or associated with any government or personal device or account, for a period of 12 months, the suspension only to be lifted thereafter by a vote of a majority of commissioners; such action and direction, upon approval, to be immediately conveyed by OCC Administration to all OCC employees, agents, vendors and representatives as well as all custodial agencies, third-parties and record destruction contractors. Commissioner Anthony opened the floor for public comment. Public comment was taken from several persons present in Suite C50. No votes or actions were taken on agenda items IX through XI.

Submitted by Commissioner Bob Anthony for consideration, discussion and vote(s):

Regarding any and all investigations (including inquiries, reviews, inspections, studies, assessments or other examinations) commenced in 2024 by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC), at the request of the OCC, or on behalf of the OCC, in response to or related to issues, allegations, witness statements, news accounts, rumors or general claims of possible OCC commissioner misconduct (including, but not limited to, drunkenness, sexual assault, sexual harassment, impaired driving, intimidation of witnesses, conspiracy to conceal,

destruction of evidence, unlawful behavior, unethical behavior, and impeachable offenses) or circumstances related thereto, in order to ensure the legitimacy of such investigation(s), the following criteria, obligations and/or requirements shall govern and/or be deemed necessary and essential:

- 1. Such matter or investigation(s) shall conform to and adopt the preferred standards and approach summarized below announced by Commissioner Kim David at the July 31, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, when she stated her preference: that this agency not be seen as brushing something under the rug; that we show the public that we're committed to being open and transparent; that it may be prudent for us to do an independent investigation not involving this agency or people whose job depends on the Commissioners especially to look into whether there are any other incidences [of commissioner misconduct]; and so that we can show the public that we take all allegations seriously.
- 2. Such matter or investigation(s) shall, from the beginning, not be considered a confidential "personnel investigation," but shall meet the requirements of a full, thorough, open and transparent "independent investigation" (including a publicly disclosed scope), governed by the irrevocable waiver of any attorney-client privilege by the OCC and any other "client" entity engaging the investigators at the request of or on behalf of the OCC.
- 3. Such matter or investigation(s) shall result in at least one publicly disclosed, detailed report that does not redact the names of any commissioners or responsible agency administrators, and shall include recommendations: regarding agency governance, oversight, and administrative policies and procedures that will better enable the agency to prevent and more effectively respond to incidents of commissioner misconduct and/or the active or passive concealment thereof in the future; regarding possible repair of the agency's credibility, legitimacy, and integrity, especially among its stakeholders and the public; regarding better (more comprehensive and law-abiding) performance of its constitutional and statutory duties.
- 4. Such matter or investigation(s) shall, in all aspects of its administration and conduct (including in the process of selecting the investigators), be independent in appearance and in fact of the Corporation Commission, current or former Commissioners, current or former commission employees, and the current or former friends, family and associates thereof.
- 5. Such matter or investigation(s) shall identify, examine, assess and report who had any knowledge of alleged commissioner misconduct, when, what reporting, administrative or corrective action was or was not taken, and by whose decision.
- 6. Such matter or investigation(s) shall explicitly examine, assess and report commissioner and/or agency administration failures to properly act upon and/or report incidences of possible or alleged commissioner misconduct, as well as active or passive concealment thereof (including by failure to report, lying, misrepresentation, evasion, impediment,

- <u>concealment or destruction of evidence, or inequitable treatment of employees or agents</u> with knowledge thereof), non-performance of duty and possible obstruction of justice.
- 7. Such matter or investigation(s) shall examine, assess and report the potential for State, agency and/or personal liability deriving from commissioner misconduct, administrative or staff action and/or inaction thereabout, and/or the active or passive concealment thereof.
- 8. Such matter or investigation(s) shall examine, assess and report the consequences of both the alleged misconduct and the public allegations thereof with respect to the credibility, legitimacy, and integrity of the OCC's operations as well as any potential or possible threats to the credibility, legitimacy, and integrity of the OCC's legislative and/or judicial conduct of cases.
- 9. Such matter or investigation(s) shall examine, assess and report the impact of any alleged commissioner misconduct and/or the active or passive concealment thereof on agency compliance with other constitutional and statutory requirements, including the Open Records Act, the Open Meeting Act and legal, ethical or professional requirements to report unlawful or unethical activities and misconduct or abuse.
- 10. <u>Such matter or investigation(s) shall identify examine, and report any potential violations or failures to comply with either Oklahoma's Code of Professional Conduct for attorneys or the State's Code of Judicial Conduct.</u>
- 11. <u>Such matter or investigation(s) shall examine, assess and report related inappropriate use of government property or resources, including but not limited to, travel reimbursement and per diem payments.</u>
- 12. Such matter or investigation(s) shall, from the beginning, publicly identify any past, present or potential political or professional relationships or conflicts of interest between anyone involved with the investigation (including anyone involved with choosing the investigators or defining the scope of the investigation) and past/present commissioners and/or staff of the OCC or other involved state offices/agencies.

Vote(s) to authorize a full, thorough, open and transparent independent investigation, and/or adopt the proposed criteria, obligations and/or requirements above are subject to possible revisions or amendments as well as consideration and discussion.

Commissioner David recognized A. Chase Snodgrass, Deputy Attorney General, to offer the Oklahoma Attorney General's role related to the independent investigation to be performed by Riggs Abney law firm. Commissioner David recognized Brandy Wreath, director of administration, to answer questions related to the scope of the investigation to be performed by Riggs Abney law firm. Discussion was held. Commissioner Anthony announced that he voted "aye" on the motion listed in this agenda item XII. There were no other votes or actions taken regarding agenda item XII.

New Business There was no new business.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Kim David, Chairman

ATTESTED this 4th day of September 2024.

Garey L. Wortham, Commission Secretary

APPENDIX A



OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION Notice of Public Meeting Regular Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all persons that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("Commission") shall meet and conduct business, as follows:

Time, Day, and Date: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Place: Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial Office

Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma 73105

The Concourse Theater is in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office

Building in the Capitol Complex

Purpose: Conducting of daily business enumerated in the items below

Posting Division: Chairman Kim David

AGENDA

Item	Topic
I	A. Call to order B. Announcement concerning public notice C. Determination of quorum
II	Consideration of proposed or potential orders in cases on attached 24-hour signing agenda docket. The Commission may discuss and consider alterations, revisions, or amendments to the proposed or potential orders. (Votes may be taken on individual cases on the 24-hour signing agenda docket as a whole, or both by individual cases and the remaining docket.)
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- 5. Such matter or investigation(s) shall identify, examine, assess and report who had any knowledge of alleged commissioner misconduct, when, what reporting, administrative or corrective action was or was not taken, and by whose decision.
- 6. Such matter or investigation(s) shall explicitly examine, assess and report commissioner and/or agency administration failures to properly act upon and/or report incidences of possible or alleged commissioner misconduct, as well as active or passive concealment thereof (including by failure to report, lying, misrepresentation, evasion, impediment, concealment or destruction of evidence, or inequitable treatment of employees or agents with knowledge thereof), non-performance of duty and possible obstruction of justice.
- 7. Such matter or investigation(s) shall examine, assess and report the potential for State, agency and/or personal **liability** deriving from commissioner misconduct, administrative or staff action and/or inaction thereabout, and/or the active or passive concealment thereof.
- 8. Such matter or investigation(s) shall examine, assess and report the **consequences** of both the alleged misconduct and the public allegations thereof with respect to the **credibility**, **legitimacy**, **and integrity** of the OCC's operations as well as any potential or possible threats to the credibility, legitimacy, and integrity of the OCC's legislative and/or judicial conduct of cases.
- 9. Such matter or investigation(s) shall examine, assess and report the impact of any alleged commissioner misconduct and/or the active or passive concealment thereof on **agency compliance** with other constitutional and statutory requirements, including the Open Records Act, the Open Meeting Act and legal, ethical or professional requirements to report unlawful or unethical activities and misconduct or abuse.
- 10. Such matter or investigation(s) shall identify examine, and report any potential **violations** or failures to comply with either Oklahoma's **Code of Professional Conduct** for attorneys or the State's Code of Judicial Conduct.
- 11. Such matter or investigation(s) shall examine, assess and report related inappropriate use of government property or resources, including but not limited to, travel reimbursement and per diem payments.

	12. Such matter or investigation(s) shall, from the beginning, publicly identify any past, present or potential political or professional relationships or conflicts of interest between anyone involved with the investigation (including anyone involved with choosing the investigators or defining the scope of the investigation) and past/present commissioners and/or staff of the OCC or other involved state offices/agencies. Vote(s) to authorize a full, thorough, open and transparent independent investigation, and/or adopt the proposed criteria, obligations and/or requirements above are subject to possible revisions or amendments as well as consideration and discussion.
XIII	New business A. Any matter not known about and which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24
XIV	hours before the meeting B. Possible vote(s) on matters of new business Adjournment

The Commission may take up the above items of business in a different sequence than that listed.

The meeting is open to the public.

This notice was posted prominently and publicly at the principal offices of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 at 1:15 p.m., Monday, August 12, 2024.



DMA BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF Sion OKLAHOMA 24 HR SIGNING AGENDA (PROPOSED ORDERS)

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 Time: 1:30 PM Place: CONCOURSE THEATER- WILL ROGERS

BUILDING

Case Number PUD2024-000034

Order Type Final

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Parties ARGENBRIGHT, MARK (Applicant) | LTD BROADBAND LLC (Respondent)

Order Title FINAL ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF MARK ARGENBRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION OF THE OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION, REQUESTING THE CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF LTD BROADBAND, LLC

Case Number PUD2024-000041

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Parties BULLSEYE TELECOM INC (Applicant)

Order Title FINAL ORDER GRANTING WITHDRAWAL OF CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND CANCELLATION OF TARIFFS **Relief In Caption** APPLICATION OF BULLSEYE TELECOM, INC. FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ITS CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND CANCELLATION OF ITS TARIFFS