Minutes of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission State of Oklahoma

May 14, 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 May 14, 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 2:00 p.m., May 10, 2024, by Commission employees acting under the direction of Chairman J. Todd Hiett. 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 Hiett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Todd Hiett, Vice Chairman Kim David, and Commissioner Bob Anthony. 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 Hiett announced the agenda item. Commissioner Hiett CALLED FOR A VOTE on the proposed order for PUD2023-000064.

VOTE: Commissioner Hiett Aye Commissioner David Aye Commissioner Anthony Aye

The order is approved.

Commissioner Hiett recognized Michael Ryan, deputy general counsel for the Public Utility Division, to provide a procedural history on PUD2023-000030. Discussion was held. Commissioner Hiett CALLED FOR A VOTE on the proposed order for PUD2023-000030.

<u>VOTE</u> :	Commissioner Hiett	No
	Commissioner David	Aye
	Commissioner Anthony	Aye

The order is approved.

Commissioner Hiett recognized A. Chase Snodgrass, Assistant Attorney General, to provide a procedural history of PUD2023-000070 and the Attorney General's position on the proposed order before the Commission. Discussion was held. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to strike the proposed order for PUD2023-000070. The proposed order for PUD2024-000009 was also stricken.

Discussion, possible hearing and possible vote(s) on (i) Public Service Company of Oklahoma's (PSO) Motion to Advance; (ii) PSO's Motion to Correct Order No. 740230; (iii) Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers, The Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma, The United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies and AARP ("Movants") Motion to Advance; and (iv) Movants' Joint Motion to Require PSO to File a New Application or to Amend its Application, including possible orders on all such motions, and consideration of any alterations, revisions, or amendments to such orders, in 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 Commissioner Hiett announced the agenda item and recognized Kenneth Tillotson, attorney for PSO, who stated that the parties had not reached an agreement. Discussion was held. Commissioner Hiett offered a proposed Order on Motions and CALLED FOR A VOTE.

VOTE: Commissioner Hiett Aye
Commissioner David Aye
Commissioner Anthony No

The order is approved.

Submitted by Corporation Commissioner Bob Anthony:

Continuation of discussion of and questions regarding Commission ("OCC") budget, hiring, contracting, competitive bidding, procurement, purchasing, payments, and other expenditures, past, present and future, especially as may be related to issues raised in the April 23, 2024, State of Oklahoma Single Audit Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 prepared by Office of the State Auditor and Inspector ("SAI").

Discussion and possible vote(s) by Commissioners in response thereto.

Consideration, discussion of and possible editing and vote(s) on the following resolution:

Whereas, according to "OCCAA, Brandy Wreath and Agency Response to Commissioner Posted Questions" provided to Commissioners on April 9, 2024, by the Commission's Director of Administration and Appointing Authority, "OCC has contracted with eight vendors under

the existing OMES-established rolling solicitation process," at least six of whose work for the Commission appears to be ongoing.

Whereas, according to the April 23, 2024, State of Oklahoma Single Audit Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 prepared by Office of the State Auditor and Inspector:

Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) created a pilot program (starting in SFY 2019/2020) wherein vendors were put on Statewide Contract, thus no longer requiring them to competitively bid their services. These pilot programs are known as Rolling Request for Proposal (RFP) or Rolling Solicitations.

Whereas, according to the State Auditor and Inspector's FY 2022 Single Audit:

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[A]s of January 2024, no recommendations have been made to the Legislature on how the Statewide Contract pilot programs has helped state procurement become more effective and efficient for the State of Oklahoma as required by law. As a result, the longer the pilot programs remain open without recommendations to the Legislature, entities on Statewide Contract pilot programs are allowed to charge what they feel are appropriate rates per their federal contracts, without any competitive or vetting process in place.

Whereas, according to the State Auditor and Inspector's FY 2022 Single Audit:

[C]ontracts awarded under the Statewide Contracting pilot programs, do not appear to meet State of Oklahoma competitive bidding requirements.

Whereas, according to the State Auditor and Inspector's FY 2022 Single Audit:

[T]he Statewide Contracting pilot programs lack support to show that federal grant contracts are being awarded to the lowest and best, or best value, bidder or bidders per Title 74 O.S. § 85.7.A.7.B.

Whereas, according to the State Auditor and Inspector's FY 2022 Single Audit, "Management [OMES] does not agree with the finding."

Whereas, to our knowledge as of Friday, May 10, 2024, no statement in defense of the Statewide Contracting pilot programs has been issued by OMES or any other state authority since the release of the SAI's FY 2022 Single Audit.

Whereas, according to the Commission's Director of Administration and Appointing Authority in comments made before the Commissioners on Thursday, May 9, 2024:

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Effective immediately, the OCC shall adopt the SAI position regarding Statewide Contracting pilot programs known as Rolling Request for Proposal (RFP) or Rolling

<u>Solicitations.</u> Commissioner Hiett announced the agenda item and deferred to Commissioner Anthony to present this agenda item. Commissioner Anthony requested that the minutes reflect his acknowledgement of a typographical error on page 2 of this posted agenda. Agenda item IV contains language which refers to an item "...provided to Commissioners on April 9, 2024", but should read "...provided to Commissioners on May 9, 2024..." (see immediately below)

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Commissioner Hiett recognized Pat Franz, general counsel, to advise whether this typographical error would negatively impact the validity of this agenda item. Ms. Franz stated that other references to the correct date of May 9, 2024, in the agenda item lent credibility to this being a scrivener's error unlikely to impact the ability of the public to be on notice of what would be discussed at the posted meeting.

Commissioner Hiett recognized Brandy Wreath, director of administration, to offer a history of and details on existing agency contracts. Discussion was held. Commissioner Hiett made a motion that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission acknowledge the efforts of the Agency, the Finance Division, General Counsel, and Division leadership in demonstrating the highest integrity by adhering to the letter of the law governing the expenditure of public funds, both federal and state, as provided in the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, statewide purchasing guidelines and federal grant guidelines. The Commission further supports the request of the Attorney General for a Special Investigative Audit following the release of the FY2022 Single Audit Report (forthcoming from SAI), and publicly expresses its commitment to collaborate and cooperate by any means necessary, as requested, to assist with this effort. Commissioner Hiett CALLED FOR A VOTE.

VOTE: Commissioner Hiett Aye Commissioner David Ave

Commissioner Anthony Not Participating

The motion passed.

New Business There was no new business.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

I Todd Hiett Chairman

ATTESTED this 25th day of June 2024.

Garey L. Wortham, Commission Secretary



OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION Amended 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, May 14, 2024

Place: Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial

Office Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

The Concourse Theater is located 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 J. Todd Hiett

AGENDA

Item	Topic	
I	A. Call to order B. Announcement concerning public notice C. Determination of quorum	
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V	New business A. Any matter not known about and which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours before the meeting B. Possible vote(s) on matters of new business
VI	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 amended 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 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2024.



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

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024Time: 1:30 PMPlace: CONCOURSE THEATER - WILL

ROGERS BUILDING

Case Number PUD2023-000030 Order Type Final RSO OKC

Parties FORT COBB FUEL AUTHORITY LLC (Applicant)

Order Title FINAL ORDER APPROVING JOINT STIPULATION
AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Relief In Caption IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FORT COBB FUEL AUTHORITY, L.L.C. FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING APPLICANT TO CHANGE OR MODIFY ITS RATES, CHARGES, AND TARIFFS

Case Number PUD2023-000064 Order Type Final RSO OKC

Parties TEMPO TELECOM LLC (Applicant)

Order Title FINAL ORDER GRANTING ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF TEMPO TELECOM, LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER ON A WIRELESS BASIS (LOW-INCOME ONLY)

Case Number PUD2023-000070 Order Type Final RSO OKC

Parties ARGENBRIGHT, MARK (Applicant)

FORT COBB FUEL AUTHORITY LLC (Respondent)

Order Title FINAL ORDER

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF MARK ARGENBRIGHT,
DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION, OKLAHOMA
CORPORATION COMMISSION, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO
REVIEW AND MONITOR APPLICATION OF THE FUEL
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF FORT COBB FUEL AUTHORITY,
LLC, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND, FOR A
PRUDENCE REVIEW OF THE FUEL PROCUREMENT
PROCESSES AND COSTS OF FORT COBB FUEL AUTHORITY,
LLC, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Case Number PUD2024-000009 Order Type Final RSO OKC

Parties METRO FIBERNET LLC (Applicant)

Order Title FINAL ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF METRO FIBERNET, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES BASED AND RESOLD LOCAL EXCHANGE AND INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA