I. MAYOR
*1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Presents December Award of Excellence to Investigators Gregory Sims and Larry Bratt of the Lincoln Police Department.
*2. NEWS RELEASE. Open House Planned on Storm Drain Improvements. Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 5:00 pm at Holmes Elementary School.
*3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler Holding News Conference, Thursday, January 17, 2008, 10:00 am at the County-City Building. Topics Include Impact Fees and Sale of City Property.
*5. NEWS RELEASE. City Sells Cornhusker Conference Center.
*6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayoral Committee to Review Impact Fees.
*8. NEWS RELEASE. City Removes Blockage in Sanitary Sewer Line.

Received Week of January 28, 2008
**1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule for Week of January 19 - 25, 2008. (Delivered to Council Members on 01/18/08)
** 2. NEWS ADVISORY. Announcement of City of Lincoln Recognized for Services to Young People on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 9:00 am in City Council Chambers.
** 3. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Names One of Nation’s 100 Best Communities for Young People.
**4. NEWS RELEASE. Tree Removal Part of Traffic Safety Project.
**5. NEWS RELEASE. Public Invited to Open House on 2007 Wastewater Master Plan Update.

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1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler Joined by Rick Carter and Douglas Ewald will Discuss Earned Income Tax Credits at a News Conference, Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bennett Martin Library, 14th and “N” Streets.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler Promotes Free Tax Assistance.

II. DIRECTORS

CITY ATTORNEY
**1. Letter to City Attorney, Dana Roper, from Aquila Gas Company. Aquila Including Insert from a Local Heating and Plumbing contractor with the November 2007 Gas Bills.

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. January Sales Tax Reports.
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
c) Net Sales Tax Collections. 2002-2003 Through 2007-2008; and

FINANCE/TREASURER

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
*1. NEWS RELEASE. Flu Shots Encourage and Still Available.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
*2. Special Permit No. 07054. Accessory Building to be Used as Dwelling for Domestic Employee. East Side of So. 113th Street, About One-Half Mile South of A Street. Resolution No. PC-01092.
*3. Special Permit No. 04044A. North Creek Villas Community Unit Plan. No. 27th Street and Fletcher Avenue. Resolution No. PC-01091.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
*1. Response to Councilman Eschliman from Wayne Teten on Snow Removal Responsibilities.
*2. Response to Don Thomas, County Engineer, from Roger Figard, City Engineer Regarding Crashes at the Intersection of Yankee Hill Road and So. 56th Street.
*3. Correspondence from Kris Humphrey Regarding Removal of Trees Between 9th and 10th Streets South of Van Dorn.

PUBLIC WORKS/STAR TRAN
1. Letter to Tracey Hillman Regarding the Upcoming StarTran Route/Schedule Changes. (Distributed to Council Members on 01/25/08)

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP
**1. Correspondence from Richard Blair. Concern with City Using 1 Million Dollars to Help Study a Proposed Arena.
**2. Correspondence from InterLinc: Council Feedback, Amsberry. Question on Price Regarding Property Sold to Marriott and Totally Opposed to the Convention Center. Who Will End Up Paying?
V. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. Correspondence from Marilynne Bergman Proposing Different Uses of the $1.2 Million for Study of an Arena.

*2. Email from Tracey L. Hillman Regarding the StarTran Routes.

*3. Email from Kristin Cunnar. Strengthening Laws and Enforcement.

*4. Correspondence from Lincoln Electric System (LES) with Copy of Lincoln Electric System Legislative Guidelines. (Council Members Received on 01/14/08)

*5. Email from Pamela Ferris. Switched from Time Warner Cable to DISH Satellite TV.

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2. Email from Bob Caldwell, Hampton Enterprises, Inc.
   a) Letter from Lincoln Employers Coalition. Opposes Proposed LES Rate Increase of 5.5%. In the Alternative Would Endorse a 4.5% Increase with Rationale.

3. Email from Thomas P. O’Connell, Snyder Industries, Inc. A Member of the Lincoln Employers Coalition and Requests Reducing LES Rate Increase of Proposed 5.5% to 4.5%.

4. Email from Jeanette Nakada. Energy Conservation is a Necessity.


7. Email from Brian Pfoltner. Allocate One Million Dollars to Assist Residential and Business Customers to Become more Energy Efficient.


9. Letter from Leola Bulloc, Lincoln Branch NAACP. How Poor People are Being Used to Benefit the Rich People. (Distributed to Council Members on 01/28/08)


12. Email from Jerry Wolf. Comments and Suggestions Regarding the Fire Department.


14. Email from LaRoy and Mary Seaver. Support $1 Million to LES To Increase Energy Efficiency.

15. Email from Michele Bliven. Against LES Electric Rate Hike.
16. Email from John Philip Johnson. Support $1 Million to LES To Increase Energy Efficiency.
17. Email from Doug Obermueller, Universal Cold Storage. Agree with Employer Coalition that LES Should Reduce Planned Rate Increase.
18. Email from John Baumgartner, ADM Lincoln. Agree with Employer Coalition that LES Should Reduce Planned Rate Increase.
19. Email from Jimmy Carlson, AGP Grain Marketing. Agree with Employer Coalition that LES Should Reduce Planned Rate Increase.
20. Email from Mary King. Support $1 Million to LES To Increase energy Efficiency.
22. Email from Dan Granatowicz, Veyance Technologies, Inc. Agree with Employer Coalition that LES Should Reduce Planned Rate Increase.
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23. Email from Carla Ahlschwede. Allocate $1 Million to LES to Assist Customers to Become More Energy Efficient.
24. Email from Bob and Sally Stoddard. Allocate $1 Million to LES for Assisting Customers to Become More Energy Efficient.
25. Email from Ashley Barber. Allocate $1 Million to Assist LES Customers to Become More Energy Efficient.
27. Email from Corinne Kolm. Allocate $1 Million to Assist LES Customers to Become More Energy Efficient.
28. Email from Ben Yancer. Allocate $1 Million to Assist LES Customers to Become More Energy Efficient.
29. Email from Joan Phelan. Support LES Proposal to Spend $1 Million to Assist Customers to Become More Energy Efficient.
30. Email from Patricia Kitchen. Not Surprised on LES 5.5% Increase Proposal When They Spend Extremely Wastefully. Example of 19th and Alvo Road to NW 12th and Alvo Road.
31. Email from Sara Winn. Support Allocating $1 Million to LES to Assist Customers to Become More Energy Efficient.
32. Correspondence from Butler, Galter, O’Brien & Boehm Law Firm Regarding Application of Peking Palace Lincoln, NE For A Class I Liquor License and Manager Application.
33. LES Letter and Correspondence in Response to Mr. Claude Reyman’s Letter of January 20, 2008. (Council Members Received Copies in Thursday Packets of 01/31/08)
34. Email from Phil Corkill, Pegler Sysco Company. Supports the Lincoln Employers Coalition Statement on LES Rate Increases.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*Held over from 01/21/08
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Mayor Chris Beutler will be joined by Rick Carter, Executive Director for the Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Federation, and Douglas Ewald, Nebraska Tax Commissioner, to discuss Earned Income Tax Credits at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 31 at Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th and “N” streets.
MAYOR BEUTLER PROMOTES FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

January 31 is National Earned Income Tax Credit Day

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged families with low or moderate incomes and elderly residents to use the free services available in Lincoln for preparing their federal and state tax returns. Mayor Beutler, the Human Services Federation and the Lincoln CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Campaign joined in launching the Lincoln Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign to help working families keep more money in their pockets.

Free tax preparation help is available at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites located at libraries, cultural centers and other locations throughout the city. The University of Nebraska - Lincoln is offering assistance January 26 through February 10 at the East Campus Union and from February 24 through March 2 at the City Campus Union. For those age 60 and older, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are providing assistance at the Downtown ActivAge Centers and two libraries. Schedules are attached to this release.

“There are hard-working families in our community who are struggling financially,” said Mayor Beutler. “When they file their taxes, we want to make sure they are aware of all the credits for which they are eligible. The volunteer tax preparers are trained to help them, and I want to thank all those involved for offering this important service in our community.”

The EITC is a special tax benefit for working people who earn low or moderate incomes. It is designed to reduce the tax burden on these workers, to supplement wages and to provide a work incentive. Those who qualify can get back some or all of the federal income tax deducted from their pay. Even workers whose earnings are too small to owe income tax can get the credit. EITC also offsets any additional taxes workers may owe, such as payroll taxes.

“The EITC has a definite economic impact by getting money into the pockets of those who need it most,” said Rick Carter, Executive Director of the Human Services Federation and Chair of the Lincoln CASH Campaign. “The money is there to help them with their immediate needs, and we’ve also seen families saving the money to help build their assets through home ownership and small business creation and expansion.”

- more -
Last year, the Lincoln CASH Campaign prepared 3,800 federal and state tax returns, helping families receive a total of $3.8 million in refunds. Tax payers may also be eligible for the Nebraska EITC, which is worth eight percent of the federal EITC refund.

The Lincoln CASH Campaign is a public, private and non-profit collaboration of the Internal Revenue Service, the Human Services Federation, Pinnacle Bank, The University of Nebraska, Southeast Community College, Union College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, the Lincoln Action Program, Good Neighbor Community Center, the Indian Center, Lincoln Literacy, the Salvation Army, the Asian Community and Cultural Center, El Centro de las Americas and other local organizations. Its goals are to increase income and build the assets of low-income families and individuals in Lincoln and Lancaster County. The group is also part of a state and national movement to assist people who are working but still unable to make ends meet.

To use the service, individuals must provide photo identification; Social Security cards and birth dates for all family members; W-2s and Form1099s; other relevant tax information such as interest paid on mortgages and student loans, charitable donations, child care bills and the ID numbers of day care providers; a copy of last year’s federal and state tax returns; and bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit. Married filers must both be present to sign forms.

More information is available by:
- calling 2-1-1;
- contacting the Human Services Federation at 441-4399 or
- contacting the Lincoln City Libraries at 441-8530 or lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: library); and
- contacting the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging at 441-7022 or lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: aging).
Free AARP Tax Assistance Locations
(available currently through April 15)

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NOTE: "FREE Community Tax Preparation and Filing Assistance" handout will follow in a separate e-mail

How the Earned Income Tax Credit has helped my family, year after year.
My name is Airlia Smith, and I am a single mother of three beautiful girls, ages 10, 12 and 15. This is the story of how the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) has helped my family, year after year.
Take a trip with me back to December 1992, two months after the great winter storm that wiped out power for most of Eastern Nebraska. I’m living with my mother, her father, and my 10 month old daughter. I awake to an agitated baby at 6:15 a.m., and as I’m getting up to get dressed, the fire alarm goes off. My heart starts racing as I grab my daughter and head for the stairs. First I think it’s a false alarm, but then I’m bombarded by black smoke. I choke and cough and immediately cover my daughter’s face. We literally escaped with the clothes on our back.
Now fast forward to February 1993, my family is still recovering from that devastating fire just over a month prior. My mother has her taxes done and is informed of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). She receives a refund that helps us to buy much needed items, as well as something we thought of as a pure luxury; a washer and dryer.
The next year, I file my taxes for the first time and am overjoyed to find out that I will be receiving $800. To many people who are on their own, this may not be very much, but I was able to purchase my first car and paid for my senior pictures. Every year since, I have received some sort of refund thanks to the EITC. The refund varies each year, depending on how much I earned. Thanks to my refund in 2006, I was given the opportunity to turn my favorite hobby into a small part-time business; portrait photography. I used a portion of my refund to purchase equipment and other needed items. Without the EITC, I would be lost. I’ve used it to pay bills, reduce my debt, and purchase items that most people take for granted; like beds to sleep in. The EITC has even helped me better my life with allowing me new opportunities, such as with my photography business.
While I have used the EITC for some exciting purchases in my life, this season I’m looking forward the most to using it to help me catch up on some monthly bills. It’s been a rough year, but I know I can stay afloat thanks to the EITC.
# “FREE” Community Tax Preparation and Filing

**OF FEDERAL AND STATE RETURNS**

For taxpayers with household incomes at or below $42,000

E-FILING GETS IT THERE FAST AND DIRECT DEPOSIT GETS IT BACK FASTER!

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**What to Bring to Have Your Taxes Prepared**

- W-2s and 1099s from your employer
- Social Security Cards (for yourself, spouse, children and other dependents)
- Copy of last year’s tax return (very helpful)
- List of other income/expenses (itemized deductions)
- Childcare information (providers ID number & receipts for amount paid)
- Blank check or savings account information for direct deposit
- 1099s for interest, dividends, unemployment, government and miscellaneous income
- 1098 for student loan interest, mortgage interest, or property tax

For more information call 2-1-1 or visit [www.hsfed.org](http://www.hsfed.org)
CITY OF LINCOLN
SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITION REPORT

A COMPLETE VOICE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT 441-7783. THIS NUMBER IS FOR NEWS MEDIA USE ONLY.

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 441-7547

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2008
Time: 11:30 a.m.

As Lincoln experienced a steady, blowing snowfall this morning, City street crews were out at 10:30 a.m. with 19 material spreaders distributing a mixture of pre-wetted salt and gravel. Street crews are specifically addressing the conditions at overpasses, bridges, intersections, turn lanes and hills.

Along with the material spreading, 18 plows are on the streets to take care of any accumulation along major routes.

Lincoln Police Department (LPD) reports that there hasn't been a significant increase in the number of accidents this morning. LPD reports that the streets are slick and they urge motorists to drive defensively and allow more time to reach your destination if you need to travel.

StarTran reports no significant delays along their bus routes.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.nc.gov and on pages 48 and 49 in the blue pages of your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.

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President and House leaders agree on stimulus package. The White House reached an agreement this week with Democratic and Republican leadership in the House on a $150 billion plan designed to provide stimulus to the lagging U.S. economy. However, the plan could face obstacles in the Senate, where several Members indicated their desire to add components to the package.

The Bush-House proposal would include the following elements:

- Income tax rebate checks between $300 and $1,200, with the exact amount depending on income and filing status. Rebates would begin to be phased out for individuals earning more than $75,000 annually and couples earning $150,000 in adjusted gross income.
- An additional rebate of $300 per child for families qualifying in the first category.
- A 50 percent bonus depreciation in 2008 for business expenditures subject to depreciation over 20 years or less.
- Increases in upfront deductions for capital purchases for small businesses to as much as $250,000 in the year of purchase (which is double the current expensing limit), with an overall investment limit of $800,000.
- Increase Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac conforming loan limits from $417,000 to a maximum of $729,750 in high cost areas.
- Permanently increase the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan limit from the current $367,000 to a maximum of $729,750 in high cost areas.

House leaders are hoping to accelerate passage of the stimulus plan in order to provide an immediate boost to the economy, bypassing the normal committee channels and bringing it to the floor for a vote during the week of February 5.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) admitted that the stimulus plan did not include everything she had wanted, most significantly an extension of unemployment benefits beyond the current 26-weeks and additional funds for food stamps. The White House, on the other hand, had sought a permanent extension of the tax cuts that were signed into law in 2001 and 2003, but backed off in the name of compromise.

Many Democrats have accepted the compromise with the White House but have expressed the desire to move another stimulus package that would focus on some of their priorities that were left out of the first plan.

Senate Democrats seemed less interested in compromise, indicating that they would propose some additions during their consideration of the plan. Some items of discussion may be increases in food stamp payments; additional Medicaid funding for states; funds for a summer youth jobs program, and funds for transportation projects. The Senate Finance Committee may consider some of these proposals as early as next week.
CONGRESS
Short legislative week as Members hold retreats. Activity in the House and Senate was light this week, as the legislative calendar was shortened to allow for Republican retreats in both the House and Senate.

That did not mean that all business ground to a halt, as negotiations for a stimulus package were in high gear (see related story above), the Senate considered legislation regarding oversight of federal government electronic surveillance, and the House attempted (and failed) for the second time to override the President’s veto of an expansion of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

There was much discussion at both Republican retreats regarding the practice of congressional earmarking. The party appears to be divided between some conservative Republicans who would like them to forego earmarks altogether for at least one year and Members who believe that the Republicans can stand for fiscal responsibility while also maintaining their authority to direct a small percentage of federal spending to worthwhile activities that might escape the notice of a large federal bureaucracy.

The House floor will be quiet once again next week, as Members pause for the President’s final State of the Union address on Monday evening, consider non-controversial measures on Tuesday, then adjourn for the week to allow for a House Democratic policy retreat Wednesday through Friday.

Meanwhile, the Senate will continue to debate the electronic surveillance issue through legislation (S 2248) to reauthorize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).
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Year to date vs. previous year
Annexation by Final Plat
Waterford Estates
Effective: October 15, 2007
93.00 Acres
NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in the Conference Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, for a briefing by Public Works & Utilities on the Update of the Wastewater Facilities Master Plan.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission. (**Note: There are no final action items on this agenda**)

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008**

[Commissioner Gaylor-Baird absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 2008. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Cornelius abstained; Gaylor-Baird absent)**
1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public Hearing and Action):

MISCELLANEOUS:

1.1 Miscellaneous No. 07010, to review the proposed determination that the “Northwest 48th & I-80 Area Blight and Substandard Determination Study Area” be declared a blighted and substandard area as defined in the Nebraska Community Development Law. The study area is generally bounded by West Holdrege Street on the north to Interstate 80 right-of-way line on the south; from NW 56th Street on the west to NW 40th Street on the east.

Staff recommendation: Finding that there is a reasonable presence of substandard and blighted conditions

Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6372, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF REASONABLE PRESENCE OF SUBSTANDARD AND BLIGHTED CONDITIONS, 8-0 (Gaylor-Baird absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

1.2a City Miscellaneous No. 08001, amending Title 26 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to land subdivisions by amending Section 26.19.010 to allow the final plat to be drawn on 24 lb. white paper; by amending Section 26.23.140 to provide that lots shown within the boundaries of an approved community unit plan, a planned unit development, or use permit are not required to front upon and take access to a public street or private roadway, provided that a permanent public access easement to and from a public street or private roadway for such residential lots is dedicated in the final plat creating such residential lots and that permanent access easement (public or private) to and from a public street or private roadway for such nonresidential lots is dedicated in the final plat creating such nonresidential lots; and repealing Sections 26.19.010 and 26.23.140 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Gaylor-Baird absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
1.2b County Miscellaneous No. 08002, amending Section 8.02 of the Lancaster County Land Subdivision Regulations to allow final plats to be drawn on 24 lb. white paper or its equivalent.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Gaylor-Baird absent).

Public Hearing date before the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is being requested.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

MISCELLANEOUS:

4.1 Miscellaneous No. 08003, to review the proposed determination that the “South 19th Street Blight Update Area” be declared a blighted and substandard area as defined in the Nebraska Community Development Law. The study area is generally bounded by the center line of Washington Street on the north to the center line of Garfield Street on the south; and the center line of South 18th Street on the west to east of South 19th Street, including Lots 4-7, Block 4, Williams Subdivision, and associated alleys.

Staff recommendation: Finding that there is a reasonable presence of substandard and blighted conditions
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6372, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF REASONABLE PRESENCE OF SUBSTANDARD AND BLIGHTED CONDITIONS, 8-0 (Gaylor-Baird absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

(See 1-16-08 agenda for staff reports on the following items.)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH RELATED ITEMS:

5.1a Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 07003, to amend the 2030
Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to designate land as
Industrial and Commercial in the Land Use Plan, amend the Priority
designation in the Urban Growth Tier with Priority Areas map, adjust the road
network and other associated amendments generally in the area of N.W. 48th
Street from West O Street to north of West Holdrege Street.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for additional deferral granted, with CONTINUED
PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, February 13,
2008, 1:00 p.m.

5.1b Annexation No. 07005, to annex approximately 233.36 acres, more or
less, generally located at N.W. 48th Street and Interstate 80.
Staff recommendation: Approval subject to an Annexation Agreement
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for additional deferral granted, with CONTINUED
PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, February 13,
2008, 1:00 p.m.

5.1c Change of Zone No. 07063, I-80 West Lincoln Business Center Planned
Unit Development, for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to I-3
PUD Employment Center District and R-3 PUD Residential District, on property
generally located at N.W. 48th Street and Interstate 80; for a Planned Unit
Development designation of said property; and for approval of a development
plan which proposes waivers and modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and
Land Subdivision Ordinance to allow 1.5 million square feet of office,
commercial and industrial floor area; hotels and motels of up to 200 rooms;
and up to 448 dwelling units in the underlying I-3 and R-3 zoned area.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for additional deferral granted, with CONTINUED
PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, February 13,
2008, 1:00 p.m.
CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

5.2a  Change of Zone No. 07061, from B-1 Local Business District to B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District, on property generally located at S. 70th Street and Van Dorn Street.

   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   Had continued public hearing.
   Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

5.2b  Pre-Existing Use Permit No. 07001A, for approximately 16,000 square feet of commercial floor area with an adjustment to required parking, on property generally located at S. 70th Street and Van Dorn Street.

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   Had continued public hearing.
   Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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Adjournment: The Planning Commission adjourned to Room 113 for briefing by Urban Development staff on the “South 19th Street Redevelopment Plan”, which is scheduled for public hearing on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
**PENDING LIST:**

1. Change of Zone No. 3321, requested by Michael T. Johnson, on behalf of West Gate, inc., from R-7 Residential District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District, on property generally located at 1729 “M” Street.
   *(6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)*

2. Street and Alley Vacation No. 04013, to vacate all of the east-west alley in Block 65, Original Lincoln, bounded by 13th, 14th, "M" and "N" Streets, generally located at S. 13th Street & "M" Street.
   *(3-16-05: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending until completion of the Downtown Master Plan at the request of the applicant.)*

3a. Change of Zone No. 06082, from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street.
   *(8-15-07: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)*

3b. Preliminary Plat No. 06011, Woodland View 1st Addition, for 25 single family lots and 4 outlots, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street. The Planning Commission action on the plat is final, unless appealed to the City Council. The following waivers are also being requested: a) to allow sanitary sewer to run against the street grade and b) to allow sanitary sewer to be deeper than 15 feet. Any waiver requests that are recommended for denial by the Planning Department will be forwarded to the City Council for public hearing. If all waiver requests are recommended for approval, the Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council. **FINAL ACTION**
   *(8-15-07: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)*

4. Waiver No. 07009, to waive street paving, sidewalks and street trees, on property generally located at N. 36th Street and Q Street.
   *(12-19-07: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on February 27, 2008.)*

5a. Annexation No. 07004, to annex approximately 31.82 acres, generally located at N. 14th Street and Alvo Road.
   *(1-16-08: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on February 27, 2008 at the request of the applicant.)*

5b. Change of Zone No. 07062, from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at N. 14th Street and Alvo Road.
   *(1-16-08: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on February 27, 2008 at the request of the applicant.)*
Preliminary Plat No. 07005, Parrott Addition, for one lot, generally located at N. 14\textsuperscript{th} Street and Alvo Road. *** FINAL ACTION ***

(1-16-08: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on February 27, 2008 at the request of the applicant.)

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January 25, 2008

Ms. Tracey L Hillman
1221 Coachman’s Dr
Lincoln NE 68510

Dear Ms. Hillman:

Your January 15, 2008 correspondence to the Lincoln City Council and Mayor Beutler regarding the upcoming StarTran route/schedule changes has been forwarded to me for response. That you have been utilizing StarTran transit services for 43 years to meet your transportation needs is amazing – we appreciate your advocacy, and, of course, your long-term ridership.

The revised StarTran routes and schedules are the result of an extensive review and evaluation of the current StarTran system, intended to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of transit services provided. This evaluation was referred to as the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Study. The resultant revisions recommended by the TDP Study are being accomplished by reducing ineffective services, and redirecting those resources to services which increase/improve opportunities for expanded ridership and services to currently unserved areas of the community. These improvements will result in no increase in cost, and are scheduled to take place in June, 2008.

The StarTran Transit Development Plan (TDP) included an extensive community participation program designed to elicit input from members of the general public, current users of the system, StarTran drivers/staff, community leaders, key policy decision makers and other transportation stakeholders in Lincoln. The public outreach efforts included activities such as:

• Drop-In Sessions - The public talked directly to StarTran staff and the consulting team on a one-on-one basis and offered suggestions and improvements on the system. Four drop-in sessions were held; one on the UNL campus, one at the State Office Building and two at the Gold’s Building in downtown. Together, the four sessions produced comments from 300 individuals. Both users and non-users were targeted at the drop-in sessions.

• Stakeholder Interviews - Interviews were conducted with 50 individuals in the community representing a broad spectrum of interests, including elected officials; city, regional and state department and agency staff; and members of the business community, human services sector, University of Nebraska, Amalgamated Transit Union and citizen’s groups.

• May 11, 2006 Open Houses - Both users and non-users attended the open houses and gave a number of suggestions for StarTran system.
• March 28, 2007 Open Houses - Two open houses were held downtown in which over 300 people attended to offer suggestions on the proposed study and talk directly with StarTran staff and the consulting team.

• Transit Survey - A survey was distributed to StarTran patrons in May 2006, to gather input on improving StarTran services. StarTran collected over 1,200 surveys which were input into the study.

• StarTran Advisory Board Public Hearing - On June 16, 2007 public testimony was heard by the StarTran Advisory Board on the Transit Development Plan including the updated route proposal. Sixty five people attended the hearing. StarTran staff was on hand to answer questions from the public on the route proposals. A number of route suggestions from the public were given at the public hearing.

On June 21, 2007, the Advisory Board approved the subject routes/schedules, with several amendments addressing testimony at the public hearing.

• City Council Public Hearing - On October 8, 2007, the City Council conducted an “appeal” public hearing, and subsequently, on October 29, 2007, approved the TDP Study.

The following are responses to the specific issues raised in your email...

• The majority of StarTran patrons are currently, and will continue to be within ¼ mile of their nearest bus stop. Many may be less or more distance, but will continue to be within the standard ¼ mile service area.

• The current two downtown loop routes will be reduced to one main downtown shuttle service, with the regular routes integrated with the main downtown shuttle, to be more efficient and save time on the regular routes.

• The State Office Building and State Capitol continue to be well-served by the revised routes. The downtown shuttle as well as all other regular routes which enter the downtown, are located adjacent to the State Office Building, and most regular routes directly serve the Capitol.

• Passenger shelters will continue to be available at downtown transfer centers, including 11th & "N", the State Office Building, and 13th & "Q".

The “Black Route” or “O” Street - Vet’s, will travel in a clockwise direction, from 11th & “O” to 48th & Randolph to Westfield Mall to Vet’s Hospital to 84th & Brent to Eldon & Randolph to 48th & Randolph to 11th & “O”. You will be able to catch the bus at 84th & Hazelwood or “A” & Cottonwood.
As I noted above, the StarTran route/schedule revisions are currently being detailed by staff, with new schedule information being prepared, and are expected to be initiated in about five months. Open houses are being scheduled and information will be available this spring in order to familiarize the public with the revised services.

Thank you for your long-term utilization of StarTran transit services – we look forward to your continued patronage.

Sincerely,

Larry D Worth
Transit Manager

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
    City Council
    Karen Sieckmeyer
    Connie Thoreson

idp-hillman response
I have written before and appreciate the responses I received. Since then I have been studying the proposed bus routes that affect me and some that affect other riders with whom I’m acquainted. In the forty-three years I have been riding daily to and from work and wherever else I needed to go during the day, I have noticed that most routes cover enough area that riders are usually within 4 blocks of a bus stop. I have heard from a few riders and drivers that some regular riders will be 6-8 blocks from a bus stop with the new routes. Most people will not walk that far if they have a choice. Some have difficulty walking that far.

The new plan calls for varying downtown loops. Currently all buses follow the same downtown loop. This allows for riders to get on any bus anywhere along the loop, and to transfer from any bus to any other bus anywhere along the loop. If the first bus is a little late, the second bus can wait at the most convenient of several locations along the loop. No one has to memorize all the routes to know where to transfer and can get off the first bus and on the second bus at the same location. You can usually tell by the name on the bus which direction it is going.

Thousands of people work in the Capitol Building and the State Office Building, and all the buses currently pass by both. Several of the new loops will miss one or the other. Workers in the Federal Building are within one block of the current loop, but it doesn’t seem so with some of the new loops.

There are natural shelters as well as StarTran shelters all along the current loop. Scores of people seek shelter during inclement weather at the west entrance to NSOB. The black route, among others would serve the north side of the State Office Building. There is no shelter there, and no where for the buses to line up without blocking the loading dock, or taking away parking, including handicapped parking.

It is not clear which direction the new Black route will go between 70th and 77th on A. The current Bryan East/Trendwood route goes east between 70th and 77th. Most riders come from the apartments on the south side of A and it is currently not necessary for them to cross busy A street. There is no housing on the north side of A in that area, only the East High School parking lot.

For those of us boarding in the 70th-84th and A area, the part of the route that takes us north, whether outbound or inbound would seem to be much longer than the part that takes us down A. I live on Coachman’s Drive 1/2 block from A. The black route shows traveling between Sandalwood and Brent Blvd on 84th. If I wanted to catch the bus at 84th & A, where would my bus stop be placed? Southbound there is a right turn lane at 84th & A. Also there are very few homes facing 84th between Sandalwood and Brent Blvd, mostly churches and fences. Is this the most efficient way to serve riders or increase ridership in that area?

The drivers are the experts who have the best sense of where most of the riders get on and off the buses, at what times of the day. Any planning committee should include a cross section of more than just a couple of drivers.

It seems that a lot of assumptions were made based on the study statistics, not all of them accurate. I’m still wondering who participated in the 2006 survey. I have asked several regular riders on my route, and none of them remember a survey at any time during 2006. For any survey to be adequate it needs to be done more than a couple of days, week days and Saturdays, at several times throughout the year so as to include students, regular, occasional, and seasonal riders.

I meant to send this several months ago, but didn’t want to be too precipitous. I could write more, but I’m sending now hoping my observations and concerns will help with finalizing efficient and customer friendly routes.

Thank you.

Tracey L Hillman
1221 Coachman’s Drive
Lincoln, NE 68510

OnionPetunia@aal.com
I would like to ask that you carefully consider the LES rate increase issue. I have read that LES wants a 5.5% rate increase. This is a greater rate of increase in expenses than I anticipate my household income to increase. This represents a net loss in my disposable income left over after expenses. Unless you have a plan to convince the school board to increase LPS teacher salaries by 5.5% or greater, I ask that you would explore ways to decrease the rate of electricity increase. I would like you to consider scaling the rate increase back to 4.5% or less. I am guessing teacher salaries will go up by less than that. Am I right? I know you have nothing to do with setting teacher salaries.

I understand that 0.5% of the increase is for LES to do renewable energy R&D. There are lots of government agencies doing this R&D right now. I would like to see this be a non-budgeted expense where LES seeks funds through alternative means like voluntary contributions or federal grants. I also feel that a review of LES administration costs could yield some cost savings to reduce the increase necessary by another 0.5 to 1%. I am guessing that their wages have been budgeted to go up by more than what the school board has budgeted LPS teacher salaries to increase. Please consider that there are people out there with limited budgets.

Respectfully,

Darrell Oltman

4800 South 71st Street

Lincoln, NE 68516
Dear Council Members:

Please find attached a position statement from the Lincoln Employers Coalition regarding the proposed LES electrical rate increase. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our position and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue in more detail.

Thank you,

Bob

Bob Caldwell
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Lincoln Employers Coalition
Position Statement
Adopted by Resolution of the Membership January 2008

The Coalition represents many of the largest employers in Lincoln which are also the largest power users through LES. The Coalition held a general membership meeting on January 22, 2008 with a presentation by LES management on the proposed rate increase. The membership adopted the following resolution:

The Coalition supports a strong LES system that provides low cost power and operates its financial reporting in a transparent manner. Therefore, the Coalition opposes the proposed rate increase of 5.5% and in the alternative would endorse a 4.5% increase upon the following rationale.

1. LES has made no efforts to reduce administrative expenses as was suggested by the Coalition.
2. Incorporated in the proposed 5.5% increase was a .5% increase to establish a sustainable energy fund. LES admits that this rate increase is not needed to operate LES. At a time when our country faces a possible recession and our leaders are proposing an economic stimulus package, it is not appropriate to tax Lincoln rate payers for an unneeded program. However, the Coalition does support the use of a voluntary check-off on the LES bill to allow rate payers to add .5% to their payment to support such a program.
3. Incorporated in the proposed 5.5% increase was a 1% increase for the rate stabilization fund. This could be reduced by half if LES was required to find the additional funding through administrative and capital cost reductions. It is our understanding that LES spends almost this amount each year in advertising and considerably more on litigation expense.
4. The LES Administrative Board should be required to hold public hearings on any rate increase with the Administrative Board present at the hearing. It is bad public policy for the staff to hold a public hearing and no interaction with the Board. One might imagine the outcry if the Lincoln City Council didn’t show up for any of the public hearings.
5. LES should be required to work with large power users on energy efficiency and power buy back programs that lower costs for both parties.

Thank you for your consideration. We will attend and testify at the public hearing.

For additional information please contact:
Bob Caldwell, LEC Chairman or Charlie Meyer, LEC Vice Chairman
Hampton Enterprises, Inc. Nebco, Inc.
489-8858 474-2255
Dear Council Members

Snyder Industries as a member of the Lincoln Employers Coalition supports the position statement and requests that you seriously consider reducing the rate increase from the proposed 5.5% to 4.5%.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. O’Connell
President and CEO
Snyder Industries Inc.
402-465-1228 Office
402-416-4094 Cell

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Please find attached a position statement from the Lincoln Employers Coalition regarding the proposed LES electrical rate increase. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our position and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue in more detail.

Thank you,

Bob

Bob Caldwell
Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to ask that you consider our future carefully and wisely, and allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient.

I encourage you to start the program this year, and, after studying this experience, to consider expanding it substantially in later years.

I whole-heartedly support the efficient use of electricity - ultimately the cheapest and fastest local way for Lincolniters to contribute to curbing global-warming pollution.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Nakada
To: council@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: Support Energy Conservation

Dear Council members,
I am writing to you to ask that you allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient. I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years. I support the efficient use of electricity - the cheapest and fastest way to curb global warming pollution. Sincerely, Richard Snook
Dear Lincoln City Council:

I am greatly heartened by your proposed initiative to spend one million dollars to assist residential and business customers to become more energy efficient.

City governments are one of the most important sources for social reform on this very important issue which helps address energy and climate uncertainty. Let no business faction undo this initiative. Government should play a role where market forces cannot be expected or trusted to achieve fair and acceptable results for the common good. I would like to see this program started this year. I will attend your public hearing and I will be ready to lend support to this program.

Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,

Tyrol Ehlers
Lincoln, Nebraska
(402) 429-3979
Dear Council members,

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I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years.

I support the efficient use of electricity – the cheapest and fastest way to curb global warming pollution.

Sincerely,

Brian Pfoltner
I wanted to voice my support for Lincoln Electric Systems desire to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. Our city must start putting efforts into curbing global warming. I use compact florescent lights in my home and believe all citizens of Lincoln need to be provided with education and direction on how to become better stewards of the earth. We must start here at home if we are to help the planet!

Sincerely,

Susan E. Allen
January 26, 2008
TO: Mayor Chris Beutler
   Lincoln City Council Members
   Lancaster County Commissioners
   Lincoln Board of Education

I am writing this memorandum to encourage you to look into how poor people are being used to benefit the rich people.

For example: when the issues of funding for the elderly at the Department of Aging came before the mayor and the city council, we were told no money was available to continue these health programs; yet they benefit the elderly who are mostly low-income.

Next, the affirmative action program that benefits women and minorities was cut back drastically by the mayor and council.

Also, the Women’s Commission was eliminated by both the city and county officials. The mayor, city council, and the county commissioners all seem oblivious to the fact that what affects women adversely, affects children adversely—15% of whom (children in Nebraska) live today in poverty. Yet, both the county commissioners and the city council are seeking public funds, our taxes, to create the following:

1) The Convention Center in the Haymarket District.
2) Lancaster County Event Center on 84th St.
3) Funds have also been found by elected officials to build a jail for more incarceration rather than education.

How will the profits made from this convention center and event center be realized as a benefit for the 15% of poor children and the other poor in Lincoln. Or will the profits go to benefit the rich.


Leola J. Bullock,
Community Coordinator Chairperson, Lincoln Branch NAACP
Dear Members,

It has come to my attention that a hearing will be held for LES's request for a retail rate increase and their proposal to spend part of the total budget to start promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy.

I am a supporter and advocate for these type of programs, and strongly feel that LES is making the strides that all of our utilities and businesses should be stepping in line with. Energy conservation is important for our future--for the environment and our economy. Not only should we support this program, but I urge you all to make the commitment to see it expand annually.

Thank you for your service in our community, and please support LES's plan for energy conservation and renewable energy.

Sincerely,
Megan Jackson
805 S 18th St #1
Lincoln, Ne 68508

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Dear Council members,

I am writing to support LES's proposal for promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy. Although I cannot be present at the Council meeting this coming Monday, I want to assure you that I would if I could.

This summer I traveled to north Germany where it is quite flat. I was surprised to see large numbers of wind mills dotting the landscape and solar panels on the roofs of homes. I would like to see the same here in Nebraska and Lincoln.

Thank you,

Alison Stewart
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Just when we thought the Fire Dept. mess was all taken care of and going the right way, we have a law suit filed against the City by 5 fire department personnel and then from what I understand is the Fire Dept. Union is going to fund this law suit.

The way I see it is:

We hired the chief who we thought was qualified to lead the Fire Department. If we feel he is the right person, then we need to support him and his decisions. Not every decision he makes will be popular with the public and/or the fire department. However, we need to trust him and his decisions. I am sure he made his decision on promoting the lady on sound decisions, not on discrimination. I am sure each of the 6 individuals have good qualities, but there was only one position available for the 6 applicants.

This is just a mess and I have to think the law suit by these 5 individuals cannot be good for the department. The way I see it is you, the council and the mayor need to do one of two things.

1. If you support the chief, you need to remove the 5 fire department personnel who have filed the suit. As long as they are with the department, then there is always going to be undercurrents going on. We need to clear the slate and give the chief the best chance for success.

2. If you do not support the chief, then you need to remove him and find a new chief.

I personally support the first option above.

Jerry Wolf
January 29, 2008

Time Warner Cable
ATTN: Beth Scarborough
5400 South 16th Street
Lincoln, NE 68512

Re: Formal Complaint

Dear Ms. Scarborough:

This is my formal complaint as noted would be requested from TWC during the recent City Council meeting regarding your poor service. I can’t believe you won’t refund customers equally for their less than adequate cable service. You are taking complaints on a case-by-case basis only. Here are only a few notes that I have noted in my journal for the past years. I’m sure all the calls that I’ve made, the techs that have come to our house and all the times I’ve exchanged boxes (now around 6 or so) are in your files. Therefore the following list does not even “touch” the surface of my complaints and problems with Time Warner.

1. March 24, 2006 – DVR started messing up (yes 2006)
2. February 20, 2007 – Tech coming
3. May 16, 2007 – email to City Council regarding poor service (attached)
5. September 6, 2007 – Tech coming
6. September 13, 2007 – email to City Council (attached)
7. ??/?? 2007 – Tech was supposed to come between 12 and 1 – never showed up (don’t remember the date, but remember tech not showing up).
8. January 17, 2008 – email to City Council (attached)
9. January 17, 2008 – blog entry on Lincoln Journal Star as “Mrs. B."

The last time a tech came to our house (I believe 9/07) and whom showed up after 9:00 pm, we were explaining all the boxes we’ve gone through, freezing, etc. – and were told by the tech “not to play the lottery” because of our “bad luck”.

We’re paying $123.00 a month (not including all the other B.S. we get charged) for our service when it doesn’t even work half of the time. And yes, we’re STILL having problems – ALL THE TIME. These include, but are not limited to:

1. 30 seconds to 1 minute freezes while trying to scroll through the guide or list;
2. Random reboots in the middle of programs;
3. Inability for DVR to recognize “NEW” shows to record as a series, NOT EVERY SINGLE SHOW;
4. Inability to set manual recordings;
5. Recording on HD channels will not record all the time;
6. Scrolling ahead to look at future programming, freezes and says “updating data” and most of the time doesn’t show anything; and
7. When watching a recorded program, will freeze while trying to forward or rewind.

With all of these problems, I am still told to “unplug” my box and “replug” to reboot it. This is absolutely absurd.

Since you are taking complaints on a case-by-case basis, I am requesting a 40% (at the very least) refund of the total monthly invoice for 22 months. That’s about $1,082.00 that I am being ripped off by your company for terrible service and horrible customer service. Therefore, I am requesting $1,082.00 from you to compensate me for all my troubles and time that I’ve had to take off to deal with your less than adequate cable service. You’re lucky I’m not billing you my hourly rate that I charge at work to you for all the time I’ve taken off to meet techs, exchange boxes, etc.

If I was employed by your company, I’d be embarrassed to even let anyone know that I worked there. If you read the paper, you’ll know what I mean. How can you even be remotely satisfied with such miserable inadequate service?

I expect to hear a reply from you shortly concerning my complaint and forthcoming refund.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Enclosures

cc: Ann Shrewsbury
    Mike Kennedy
    Dick Cassidy
    City Council Members

Sincerely,

Angie Bringenberg
I want compensation. I already have HBO and Showtime. Taking each customer by a case-by-case basis is stupid. Everyone should be compensated 50% (or more) for all this trouble we've been having. I've called many times and techs have even been out to the house, and got a new box - STILL HAVING PROBLEMS. I am so sick of this. And then, when you have to wait for a tech to come to your house. They give you b/t the hours of 1 and 5 (and guarantee themselves as never being late). Shoot, if I had four hours to get to work, I'd never be late as well. TWC IS A BIG JOKE. Shrewsbury needs to be fired and have someone else takeover who will actually listen to the customers and do something about their crappy service instead of always trying to make up excuses for their horrendous service!!!

Angie Bringenberg

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1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Encourages Public to Attend Meeting on Research Corridor.
2. Response to Pamela Ferris from City Ombudsman, Lin Quenzer, Regarding Service of Time Warner Cable.

II. DIRECTORS

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2. Memo from Clinton W. Thomas, Certified General Appraiser. Street and Alley Vacation No. 06010. Sunny Slope Road East of Avon Lane.

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IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK
1. Request to Law Dept./Planning Dept. - RE: Change in alcohol rules, Change of Zone #7046 (Bill 07-142) (Cook RFl#132 - 09/12/07).

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Email from Suzanne McMichael. Difficulties Continuing with Time Warner Cable.
2. Correspondence from Suzanne McMichael on Difficulties Continuing with Time Warner Cable Sent to City Web InterLinc.
3. Email from Pamela Ferris. Time Warner Cable Service is Deteriorating.
4. Email from Sylvania Westinghouse. Senior Center Defunded with Two Letters Attached.
   a. Letter from Downtown Senior Center with Signatures of Members.
   b. Letter from Downtown Senior Center with Signatures of Members.
6. Email from Angie Renae. Date for Next Action Regarding Time Warner Cable.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
I was curious when the next action will be regarding TWC. I have had to call them so many times, and complain about their service - to which I was told my complaints would be directed to management to be sure I was taken care of. NOTHING. Tech after tech has had to come to our house - or a couple of weeks ago, didn't even show up. I'm tired of this ridiculous cable service and bill. Please let me know. Thanks.

Building a website is a piece of cake.
Yahoo! Small Business gives you all the tools to get online.

re: 9/17/08
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
*1. Response to Councilman Eschliman from Wayne Teten on Snow Removal Responsibilities.
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*3. Correspondence from Kris Humphrey Regarding Removal of Trees Between 9th and 10th Streets South of Van Dorn.

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JON CAMP
1. Correspondence from Richard Blair. Concern with City Using 1 Million Dollars to Help Study a Proposed Arena.
2. Correspondence from InterLinc: Council Feedback, Amsberry. Question on Price Regarding Property Sold to Marriott and Totally Opposed to the Convention Center. Who Will End Up Paying!

V. MISCELLANEOUS
*1. Correspondence from Marilyne Bergman Proposing Different Uses of the $1.2 Million for Study of an Arena.
*2. Email from Tracey L. Hillman Regarding the StarTran Routes.
*3. Email from Kristin Cunnar. Strengthening Laws and Enforcement.
*4. Correspondence from Lincoln Electric System (LES) with Copy of Lincoln Electric System Legislative Guidelines. (Council Members Received on 01/14/08)
*5. Email from Pamela Ferris. Switched from Time Warner Cable to DISH Satellite TV.

Received Week of January 28, 2008
1. Email from Angie Bringenberg. Trouble with Time Warner Cable Continues.
2. Email from Andrea Dickey. Do Not Vote for LES to Increase Rates.
4. Letter from Eugene Grabow. If City Can Find Money to Support Study on The Arena, Then Restore Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Programs Cut Last Year. (Letter Distributed to Council Members on January 23, 2008)
5. Correspondence from Cynthia Peterson. Either Consistently Enforce Grill/Patio Law Across the Board or Get It Off The Books.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*Held over from 01/21/08
Once again, I'm waiting to hear about Time Warner Cable and whether they intend to credit anyone. Has anything come from this yet?? Heck, our cable box STILL doesn't work 100% of the time. We've had tech after tech come to our house. The last comment made by the tech was "gee, you don't have good luck - don't play the lottery". I complain and complain, and NOTHING gets done. I also just noticed in my January bill that they have INCREASED their rates by $5.00!!! Five dollars I have to pay more for a service that is nothing but a bunch of bologna and BS. Please do something about TWC. They are scamming the City of Lincoln.

Sincerely,
Angie Bringenberg

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re: 1/25/08 meeting
Time Warner Cable is a subsidiary of Time Warner Inc., the world's largest media company. The cable company's stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Mrs. B wrote on January 17, 2008 3:28 pm:

"That sounds like another scam from TWC. I just noticed on my January bill that service has increased by $5.00! Ha! my box STILL doesn't work 100% and they want to charge me more??? There is a big problem here and I'm tired of nothing getting done about it. I'm still waiting for them to credit my account from issues last year. What ever happened with them and the City Council?"

Reasons wrote on January 17, 2008 7:21 pm:

"Why won't Time Warner want you watching video on the Internet? Hmmm... I don't know maybe because if you can watch video and TV on the Internet then you won't pay for their over priced cable TV service. Can anyone say monopolistic tactics?"

yoshiki wrote on January 17, 2008 10:59 pm:

"If TWC goes through with this onto other cities, I'll be the first to organize a petition to throw them out of Lincoln! Monopolies = Good for the company, bad for the consumer. Why can't we get any competition here??"
Saving energy and finding new sources for the energy we must have are major concerns, not passing fads. What we do together to deal with the energy issues of our time is crucial to the energy crisis and to the demanding issue of global warming.

Therefore, we fully support the Council moving to spend $1 million to help individuals and businesses increase efficiency in the use of energy. This is for the good of all of us in Lincoln and for the good of the world community that lives on the planet earth.

LaRoy and Mary Seaver
7005 Shamrock Rd. #105
Lincoln, NE 68506
I reside at 9338 Forest Glen Drive, Lincoln NE 68526. I wanted to voice my concern about the proposed rate hike.

I am against said rate hike. Start making small changes this year and expand slowly over the next couple years. There have been new service fees and charges implemented over the last couple years, use some of those funds to start the proposed changes.

My electric bills keep going up and up. Within the last 6 months we have changed over all of the light bulbs in our home to incandescent and our bills have NOT went down. LES needs to find better ways to manage the current increase of funds instead of just adding more.

Thank you for your time,
Michele Bliven
Greetings,

Please pass the $1 million incentive to conserve starting this year, and please build this program up long term.

Also, please encourage LES to build more windmills!

Thank you!

John Philip Johnson

Allstate Financial

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We agree with the cities employer Coalition position statement that L. E. S. should reduce their planned rate increase.

Doug Obermueller
Plant Engineer
Universal Cold Storage
1601 Pioneers Blvd
Lincoln, NE68502
City Council Members,

ADM Lincoln in NE Lincoln uses a great deal of electricity to process grain into products for our global customer base. Please keep the LES rate increase to 4.5%.

We support the Lincoln coalitions position on this proposed rate increase.

John M. Baumgartner
ADM Lincoln
Extraction manager
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I am e-mailing you to give my support for the Lincoln Employers coalition statement on the new proposed LES rate to reduce the increase from 5.5% to 4.5%. As operations manager for two grain elevators in the city of Lincoln it is imperative that we keep our costs as low as possible in order to be as competitive as we can in a very competitive grain market place. I feel our grain elevators do a good job of sending our grain out to feed our country along with helping feed the world as a whole. Agriculture is still very much in demand and I believe Lincoln is fortunate to have as many grain elevators and processors as we have. This is a highly industrial business and we need to keep our electric rates as low as possible to compete in what I believe to be an asset for the city of Lincoln. We do employ a number of employees that in turn spend their paychecks here to help Lincoln grow. Let’s help this city grow by trying our best to keep our utility rates as reasonable as possible. You as the city council are entrusted to do your best to make this happen.

Jimmy Carlson
AGP Grain Marketing
Facility Manager
Lincoln North and South
402-423-8977
City Council Members,

I am writing to support the idea of having LES use $1,000,000 to assist low income home owners in making their abodes more energy efficient. Such a move is a forward looking approach to reducing our reliance on non-sustainable energy sources and a utilitarian educational tool. If data show progress and decreased energy consumption, then the program should be expanded. Lincoln has declared itself a 'green city' but there is much more that could be done. This measure would benefit all sectors of the community.

Thank you for your time,

Mary B. King
3900 Orchard St.
Lincoln 68503
Dear Council members:

I am writing in support of LES's proposal for a rate increase to support renewable energy. LES has been a model of energy efficiency and they need our support to assist businesses and residents become wiser consumers of electricity.

Thank you for your consideration.

> Gerise Herndon  
5403 Walker  
Lincoln NE 68504  
402.465.2347  
cgh@nebrwesleyan.edu
As a member of the Lincoln Employers Coalition and a large power user, I would appreciate your support of the LEC's position for a 4.5% increase in place of the 5.5% that LES is requesting. We believe that the 4.5% increase will provide adequate funding in support of the increases in cost outlined by LES while minimizing the impact on the community. I have attached the LEC's position statement for your review.

Thanks for your consideration

Dan Granatowicz
Plant Manager
Veyance Technologies, Inc.

(See attached file: LECPositionStatement2008.doc)
Lincoln Employers Coalition  
Position Statement  
Adopted by Resolution of the Membership January 2008

The Coalition represents many of the largest employers in Lincoln which are also the largest power users through LES. The Coalition held a general membership meeting on January 22, 2008 with a presentation by LES management on the proposed rate increase. The membership adopted the following resolution:

The Coalition supports a strong LES system that provides low cost power and operates its financial reporting in a transparent manner. Therefore, the Coalition opposes the proposed rate increase of 5.5% and in the alternative would endorse a 4.5% increase upon the following rationale.

1. LES has made no efforts to reduce administrative expenses as was suggested by the Coalition.
2. Incorporated in the proposed 5.5% increase was a 0.5% increase to establish a sustainable energy fund. LES admits that this rate increase is not needed to operate LES. At a time when our country faces a possible recession and our leaders are proposing an economic stimulus package, it is not appropriate to tax Lincoln rate payers for an unneeded program. However, the Coalition does support the use of a voluntary check-off on the LES bill to allow rate payers to add 0.5% to their payment to support such a program.
3. Incorporated in the proposed 5.5% increase was a 1% increase for the rate stabilization fund. This could be reduced by half if LES was required to find the additional funding through administrative and capital cost reductions. It is our understanding that LES spends almost this amount each year in advertising and considerably more on litigation expense.
4. The LES Administrative Board should be required to hold public hearings on any rate increase with the Administrative Board present at the hearing. It is bad public policy for the staff to hold a public hearing and no interaction with the Board. One might imagine the outcry if the Lincoln City Council didn’t show up for any of the public hearings.
5. LES should be required to work with large power users on energy efficiency and power buy back programs that lower costs for both parties.

Thank you for your consideration. We will attend and testify at the public hearing.

For additional information please contact:
Bob Caldwell, LEC Chairman or Charlie Meyer, LEC Vice Chairman
Hampton Enterprises, Inc. Nebco, Inc.
489-8858 474-2255
Dear City Council,

My name is Carla Ahlschwede. I was born in Lincoln and have lived here my entire life. I am currently a student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. I'm writing to ask that you allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers to become more energy efficient. I encourage you to start the program this year, and if all goes well, expand it in later years. I want to keep Lincoln a great place to live, and I think keeping both the people and the city itself healthy is a very important part of that.

Thanks for your time,

Carla Ahlschwede
cahlschwede@yahoo.com
Members of the Lincoln City Council:

We have financially supported the LES program for expanding wind energy for many years with monthly deductions from our electric bill, and we want to continue our support for energy conservation. Therefore, we favor the allocation of $1 million to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient. The efficient use of electricity is a logical way of reducing energy consumption.

Bob & Sally Stoddard
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402 464-9419
rs10230@alltel.net
Dear Council members,

I write today to equest the allocation of $1 million to be used to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient. I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years. We can all benefit from learning more about what can be done when we work together. I support the efficient use of electricity, the most cost effective and fastest way to curb continued climate change as a result of pollution.

Thank you,
Ashley Barber
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ash.barber@gmail.com
Dear Council Members,

I cannot attend the hearing Monday, but urge you to support the LES proposal to spend $1 million of the proposed 5.5% retail rate increase to assist residential and business customers to become more energy efficient.

We cannot continue to squander energy thereby hastening global warming. In the long run this will pay off not only for us but for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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To council@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Fund Energy Conservation

Dear Council members,

I am writing to you to encourage you to allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient. Such an investment would create financial and environmental benefits for our entire community for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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(402) 432-1678  
c_kolm@yahoo.com

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Sincerely,
Ben Yancer

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beyancer@ucollege.edu
I am unable to attend the Feb. 4 council meeting due to my teaching schedule, but want to let you know that I support LES' proposal to spend $1 million of the rate increase to assist customers in becoming more energy efficient. I believe we're obligated to find more efficient, clean ways of using/producing energy and am frankly puzzled that any organization would be opposed to working toward greater sustainability. I think that improving environmental quality is one of the biggest challenges and opportunities that our society has.
Good Morning; I just had to comment after reading the news this morning about the "Groups against proposed LES hike". Here is one example of extreme waste on Lincoln Electric System's part...how many more are there? The plan was to get the line from Point A (19th & Alvo to Point B NW12th & Alvo Rd).

All you have to do is get in your car...drive out to North 14th Street & Alvo Rd. You will see a Substation (Point A) to the east at 19th & Alvo...follow the lines north on 14th to McKelvie Rd...turn west onto McKelvie Rd...the lines are on the south side of the road...keep going west...at about NW10th & W. McKelvie Rd the lines cross the road to the north side to avoid a farm (with buildings that were so obviously against today's building codes-built way too close to the road-but that was way back before building codes were probably even heard of) so the line continues west on the north side and then at the corner of NW12th & W. McKelvie they turn and go south to the LES Substation at NW12 & Alvo Rd (Point B).

My family owns the land on the north side of W. McKelvie Road from 1st Street to NW12th St. and we as well as our neighbors were just amazed that LES would take that McKelvie route. We were in touch with Electrical Engineers in Washington State thru the whole process...they had all the maps and all the information that was being handed out by LES and they were speechless...they said they had never seen such gross waste of money...it seems that every turn the line takes is where the majority of the over expenditure is or the costs run up... At the time LES said they overspent by only a little more than $700,000 by going the extra two miles!! The guys in Washington State said they are lying thru their teeth!!!

We and our neighbors were accused by a Mr. Stuart (in the newspaper) of NIMBY. Let's talk about NIMBY. Had the line gone straight from Point A to Point B...with no turns...it would have crossed the whole north boundary of Steven Kiene's land which runs from 7th to ?? on Alvo Road...(Steve was on the LES Board at the time)...and to the west of 1st Street. Alvo is the north boundary of Fallbrook...and it would have been on the south boundary of the Alumni Association Golf Course had that plan gone thru. NIMBY??? duh!! Unnecessary spending...you bet!!

I just want to tell you that I am not one bit surprised about the 5.5% increase LES is asking for...when they spend money this way (as in our case)...and however many other like situations have taken place here in Lincoln...I'll bet they do feel a need for the rate increase.

Sorry for the length of this email. I'm just telling you a whole neighborhood out our way knew it was coming a few years back!! Thanks for listening!!

Patricia A. Kitchen 6445 Cascade Drive, Lincoln, NE. 68504 476-8763...
Dear Council members,

I am writing to you to ask that you allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient. I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years. I support the efficient use of electricity - the cheapest and fastest way to curb climate change pollution.

Sincerely,
Sara Winn
512 W. Burt Drive
Lincoln, NE 68521
402-525-8543

Sara Winn
January 30, 2008

Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th St., Room 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Application of Peking Palace Lincoln, Inc. For A
Class I Liquor License and Accompanying Manager
Application of Trung Luu

Dear Council Members:

I am writing this letter in regard to the above liquor license application which you held over for action at your meeting on January 28, 2008, to your meeting on February 4, 2008. Some new information regarding this application and some of your concerns has come to light. I hope you will take this into consideration in granting approval for this license.

First, please note the attached application of the designated corporate manager, Trung Luu, for the Responsible Hospitality Council Management Training. Also enclosed is a copy of a receipt for his payment for this course. He is now signed up for the first available course which is February 14, 2008.

Additionally, there appears to have been some misunderstanding and misinformation regarding the history of this applicant, Peking Palace Lincoln, Inc. and its past compliance with the requirement for its manager to attend the Responsible Hospitality training. First of all, there appears to be an impression that this particular applicant has not been in compliance with these requirements since 1996. This, of course, is how far back the Lincoln Police Department’s report goes regarding noncompliance with this requirement. In fact, Peking Palace Lincoln, Inc. first applied for a liquor license in 2004. A copy of that application is attached. The business was in operation from 2004 through 2006 when it was sold at that time. You will also note that in this 2004 application, the designated corporate manager was the president of the corporation, Nghí Trieu, who is Mr. Luu’s mother. She would have been the one that would have been required to take the Responsible Hospitality Council training at that time. In fact, Ms. Trieu did take this training on May 13, 2004, and a copy of her certificate of completion is also attached to this letter. Peking Palace Lincoln, Inc., therefore was in compliance in the past with the city’s
requirement, and with Mr. Luu’s completion of the course on February 14, 2008, will continue to be in compliance in regard to its new application.

If you should require any additional information, I would be most happy to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely,

John M. Boehm
Attorney for Peking Palace Lincoln, Inc.

JMB/nw
Enclosure
pc: Dana Roper, City Attorney
    Joan Ross, City Clerk
    Russ Fossler, LPD
    Trung Luu
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DATE: Jan 30, 2008
No. 701053

RECEIVED FROM: Trung Leung
Seventy-Five and 00/100 DOLLARS

FOR: Responsible Hospitality Class

PAYMENT: $75.00

FROM: Mary Meyer

TO:     

RECEIVED: Jan 31, 2003

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE
Return to RHC

To print, click the print button on your browser or go up to File, Print.

Responsible Hospitality Council
Hospitality Risk Seminar Registration Form
A registration form must be completed for each trainee

Personal Data (Please Print Clearly)

Last Name  LUU  First Name  TRUNG  MI

Employer  PEKING PALACE  Job Title  OWNER / MANAGER

Business Address  8341 8th St  Your Manager's Name

City  LINCOLN  State NE  Zip  68510  Business Phone  (402) 483-9968

How many years have you been at your present place of employment?  2 YRS
How many years have you been employed in the hospitality industry?  10 YRS
Have you had any formal training in responsible beverage service or mixology?  NO

Please return your $75.00 payment with your completed registration form. Please mark your choice for training date and send back by the 1st of the month.

Half day Class (1pm - 4pm)

- January 10, 2008
- March 13, 2008
- May 8, 2008
- July 10, 2008
- September 11, 2008
- November 13, 2008
- February 14, 2008
- April 10, 2008
- June 12, 2008
- August 14, 2008
- October 9, 2008
- December 11, 2008

PAID

THANK YOU!

Send payment and form to:
Responsible Hospitality Council
C/o City Council Office
555 S 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Training Location:
Center Team Police Station
27th and Holdrege Street

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1/29/2008
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE
Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
PO Box 95046, 301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509-5046

INSTRUCTIONS: Include: 1. Applicable fees payable to Liquor Control Commission
2. Copy of birth certificate or naturalization papers proving U.S. citizenship for each
   individual and spouse named on application (not required of corporations or trusts),
3. an affidavit of no interest with application, Commission form 4178.
3. Corporations must include copy of articles of incorporation as filed with the Secretary of
   States office in the state of Nebraska.
4. Commission checklist, form 4251 for all processing fees for required of individuals,
5. All partners and/or shareholders of applicant must file for Corporate & stockholders/member holding over 25% stock/interest.
6. All applications must be typewritten or printed clearly. 7. Submit in Triplicate.

CLASS OF LICENSE FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE AND LIST OF FEES FOR EACH

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SECTION A – LOCATION INFORMATION – Must be completed by all applicants

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1) Street Address of Proposed licensed premise

8341 "O" St.

2) Mailing Address for receipt of Liquor Control Commission mailings

3421 West State St.

Is this location inside the city limits

City County Zip Code

Lincoln, Lancaster 68510

City County Zip Code

Grand Island Hall 68803
2. Are you buying the business and/or assets of a licensee? If yes, submit a copy of the sales agreement with a listing of assets being acquired including liquor inventory (name brand and container size required).

3. Are you filing a temporary agency agreement, Commission form 4231, whereby current licensee allows you to operate on their license? If yes, attach copy.

4. Are you borrowing any money from any source to establish and/or operate the business? If yes, list the lender.

5. Will any person or entity other than licensee be entitled to a share of the profits of the establishment? If yes, explain.

6. Will any of the furniture, fixtures and equipment to be used in this business be owned by others? If yes, list such items and the owner.

7. Will any person(s) other than named in this application have any direct or indirect ownership or control of the business? If yes, explain?

8. Are the premises to be licensed within 150 ft. of a church, school, hospital, home for the aged or indigent persons or for veterans, their wives, children, or within 300 ft. of a college or university campus? If yes, list the name of such institution and where it is located in relation to the premises. Per Sec. §53-177.

9. Is anyone listed on this application a law enforcement officer? If yes, list the person, the law enforcement agency involved and the persons exact duties.

10. List the primary bank and/or financial institution (branch if applicable) to be utilized by the business and the persons(s) who will be authorized to write checks and/or make withdrawals on accounts at such institutions.

11. List all past and present liquor licenses held by any person named in this application. Include license holder name, location of license and license number. Also list reasons for termination of any licenses previously held.

12. List the person who will be the on site supervisor of the business and the estimated number of hours per week such person or manager will be on the premises supervising operations.

13. List the training and experience of the person listed in #12 above in connection with selling and/or serving alcohol products.

14. If the property for which this license is sought is owned, submit a copy of the deed, or proof of ownership. If leased submit a copy of the lease covering the entire license year. (Documents must show title or lease held interest in name of applicant as owner or lessee in the individual(s) or corporate name for which the application is being filed).

15. When do you intend to open for business?

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Union Bank
Trung Luu, Nghi Trieu and Ming Zhou

Nhgi Trieu
3421 W. State St.
Grand Island, NE 68803
28125

Nhgi Trieu
40 hours minimum

10 years experience as holder of liquor license

See attached lease

March 2004
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The undersigned applicant(s) hereby consent(s) to a background investigation and release of present & future records of every kind and description including police records, tax records (State and Federal), bank or lending institution records, and said applicant(s) and spouse(s) waive(s) any right or causes of action that said applicant(s) or spouse(s) may have against the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, the Nebraska State Patrol, and any other individual disclosing or releasing said information. Any documents or records for the proposed business or for any partner or stockholder that are needed in furtherance of the application investigation or any other investigation shall be supplied immediately upon demand to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission or the Nebraska State Patrol. The undersigned understand and acknowledge that any license issued based on the information submitted in this application, is subject to cancellation if the information contained herein is incomplete and/or inaccurate.

Individual applicants agree to supervise in person the management and operation of the business and that they will operate the business authorized by the license for themselves and not as an agent for any other person or entity. Corporate applicants agree the approved manager will superintend in person the management and operation of the business. Partnership applicants agree one partner shall superintend the management and operation of the business. All applicants agree to operate the licensed business within all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances and to cooperate fully with any authorized agent of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Must be signed in the presence of a notary public. Must be signed by applicant and spouse; if a partnership, all partners and spouses must sign and corporation, all stockholders/members (holding more than 25% of the stock or interest) officers, directors and spouses must sign. Full names only, initials not acceptable.

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Sign here: 

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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 29 day of January, 2004.

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In compliance with ADA, this application for license form is available in other formats for persons with disabilities. A ten day advance period is requested in writing to produce the alternate format.

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Received 3/1/2008

NOTARY PUBLIC

FORM 15-401B

CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE
**Corporation/LLC Application for License - Form 3**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**
1) Application and application for manager must be typewritten and submitted in triplicate.
2) Fingerprint cards (2 cards per person) must be submitted for: a) each stockholder owning over 25% of the stock, b) chief executive officer, c) proposed manager and d) all spouses.
3) Information regarding spouses must be completed.

**Peking Palace Lincoln Inc.**

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Is this Corporation/LLC controlled by another Corporation? □ YES □ NO

Name of Control Corporation

IF YES, LIST EACH STOCKHOLDER/MEMBER OWNING MORE THAN 25% stock/interest in that corporation/LLC. Any applicant who has a Corporation as a shareholder MUST file an organizational chart listing all shareholders and/or corporations owning more than 25% stock and listing of the percentage of stock owned.

Please indicate below your corporate tax year with the IRS

Starting Date: January 1  Ending Date: December 31

STATE OF  NE )

Lancaster County )

Christopher P. Hoffack

Notary Public Signature & Seal

GENERAL NOTARY State of Nebraska

My Commission Exp Nov 16, 2004

In Compliance with ADA, this form is available in other formats for persons with disabilities. A ten day advance period is requested in writing to produce the alternate format.
Application for Corporate Manager
"Must Be A Nebraska Resident"
Please submit in triplicate

Return to: Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, PO Box 95046
301 Centennial Mall So., Lincoln NE 68509
Phone: (402) 471-2571 Fax: (402) 471-2814 Web address: http://www.nlc.org/home/NLCC/

JAN 3 0 2001

NAME OF LICENSED CORPORATION
Peking Palace-Lincoln Inc.

TRADE NAME OF LICENSED PREMISE
Peking Palace

STREET ADDRESS OF LICENSED PREMISE
8341 O Street

CITY Lincoln

COUNTY Lancaster

ZIP CODE 68501

On behalf of the corporation, I designate this individual as corporate manager.

Signature of Corporate President/CEO: ____________________________

APPLICANT INFORMATION (MUST BE 21 OR OVER)

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, MAIDEN)
Trieu, Nghie

SEX M

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH 1-15-49

PLACE OF BIRTH Saigon, Vietnam

HOME STREET ADDRESS
3204 W. 18th Street

CITY Grand Island

COUNTY Hall

STATE NE

ZIP CODE 68803

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER 308-381-2324

BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER & STATE H13044355NE

SPOUSE'S INFORMATION (IF NOT MARRIED INDICATE)

FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, MAIDEN)
Zhou, Ming

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER & STATE H13035979NE

DATE OF BIRTH: August 18, 1961

PLACE OF BIRTH Quangchou, China

1. READ CAREFULLY. Answer completely and accurately
Has anyone who is a party to this application, or their spouse, ever been convicted of or plead guilty to any criminal charge. Criminal charge means any charge alleging a felony or misdemeanor violation of a federal or state law, or a violation of a local law, ordinance or resolution. List the nature of the charge, where the charge occurred and the year and month of the conviction or plea. Also list any charges pending at the time of this application. If more than one party, please list charges by each individual's name.

Y Yes  N No

2. Have you or your spouse ever made application for any liquor license or manager for any liquor license? IF YES, for what premise give license number and date.

Y Yes  N No

Peking Palace
1421 W. State St.
Grand Island, NE 68803
#28125

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3. Have you or your spouse ever made a compromise settlement for violation of such laws?
☐ YES  ☐ NO

4. Do you, as a manager, have all the qualifications required by any person entitled to hold a Nebraska Liquor License? Nebraska Liquor Control Act (§53-131.01)
☐ YES  ☐ NO

5. Have you filed fingerprint cards and PROPER FEES (if check make out to the NE State Patrol), with this application?
☐ YES  ☐ NO

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The above individual(s), being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states that the undersigned is the applicant and/or spouse of applicant who makes the above and foregoing representations, that said application has been read and that the contents thereof and all statements contained therein are true. If any false statement is made in any part of this application, the applicant(s) shall be deemed guilty of perjury and subject to penalties provided by law (See §53-131.01) Nebraska Liquor Control Act.

The undersigned applicant hereby consents to an investigation of his/her background including all records of every kind and description including police records, tax records (State and Federal), bank or lending institution records, and said applicant and spouse waive any rights or claims of action that said applicant or spouse may have against the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and any other individual disclosing or releasing said information to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. If spouse has NO interest directly or indirectly, an affidavit of non-participation may be attached.

The undersigned understand and acknowledge that any license issued, based on the information submitted in this application, is subject to cancellation if the information contained herein is incomplete and inaccurate.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Spouse (if applicable)

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24th day of _ , 20__

Notary Signature & Seal

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For completing the Hospitality Insignter Training
May 13, 2004

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Date
January 30, 2008

Mr. Claude Reyman
705 South 30th
Lincoln, NE 68510

Dear Mr. Reyman:

This letter is in response to the letter you sent on January 20, 2008. You made reference to the 5.5 percent rate increase that is proposed. I would point out that it has been two years since we have had a change in base rates. We did have a temporary surcharge during 2007; however, that surcharge ended at the end of October 2007. Over the last 20 years, Lincoln Electric System’s (LES) rates have increased at far less than the rate of inflation as shown on an enclosed chart.

You asked about the LES Budget and I have enclosed a letter about our 2008 budget that I sent to the City Council. It shows the amounts of our budgets for 2008 and several past years. Also in that document is a pie chart showing that power costs and depreciation of our capital facilities are the largest components of our budget representing nearly 80 percent.

Personnel costs represent about 15 percent of our operating budget. We employ a wide range of skilled and professional people at LES. With regard to wages paid to LES employees, staff and the LES Administrative Board use surveys and compensation consultants to develop a compensation structure that is fair, in line with peer utilities and in accordance with Nebraska law. Enclosed is a news article that notes the Administrative Board’s action on my salary.

For a review of LES performance compared to other utilities, I have enclosed a report of comparative statistics from surveys conducted by the American Public Power Association. Chart No. 6 in that booklet addresses your question with regard to the number of LES employees. The comparative statistics looks at the ratio of the number of retail customers per non-generation employee. Generation plant employees are excluded in this comparison because of the significant differences in the types of
generating plants operated by various utilities. On this chart the higher the line the better. The lines show the historical trends for LES, all of the utilities that were included in the survey, as well as a line for utilities like LES that had more than 100,000 customers, and the green line showing those survey participants located in the north central plains. The LES numbers are right in the middle of the group indicating that our staffing level is in an appropriate range for a utility our size.

If you browse through the other pages in the report, you will see that LES compares very favorably on a wide variety of measures, including the last page, which is a comparison of the price charged for electricity. This chart shows that the average rate charged by the utilities participating in the survey was 40 percent higher than that of Lincoln Electric System. Your letter said you live in Lincoln about one month a year. Since our rates are among the lowest in the nation, it would be interesting to know if the rates charged in the cities you live in most of the year are higher or lower than those of LES.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Bundy, P.E.
Administrator and CEO

E-mail: tbundy@les.com  Phone #: (402)473-3392  FAX #: (402)475-9759

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Enclosures

c: City Council
January 20, 2008

CEO
Lincoln Electrical System
P.O. Box 80869
Lincoln, NE 68501

CEO:

My letter to you is about your new rate increase for Lincoln, Nebraska residence. Obviously, the increase of more than five percent does not take in the people that are over 65 and are on a fixed income. My cola rose 2.5 percent and it has been the same for several years. This is the reason that we only live in our Lincoln home only about one month each year.

I have some questions to ask you and hope that you have time in your busy schedule for appropriate answers. The questions are:

1. What is the total budget for LES in year 2006 and 2007?
2. What part of the above budgets represents wages in dollars for each year?
3. What part of the above budgets represents maintenance and daily operation in dollars (not including wages)?
4. What is the average daily hourly wage for employees of LES?
5. What is the average daily hourly wages for executive employee of LES?
6. Are 450 employees excessive for the LES system? If not why?
7. What is your yearly income? What percent increase did you get this year?

Each year my wife and I write off about $1000.00 for added insurance, maintenance cost and line budget items increases from our local government and state government. This past year, the Lincoln sewer system backed up and caused $8000.00 damage to our basement. The city did nothing for helping with the cost. Do you think that the Lincoln residents are getting “ripped” off by city owned entities?

We would appreciate your response for the above questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Claude Reyman
Resident
705 South 30
Lincoln, NE 68510

Copy to City Council
October 30, 2007

Dear Chair Marvin and Members of the City Council:

This document reviews the Lincoln Electric System 2008 Operating and Capital Budget. The budget was reviewed in detail with the LES Administrative Board Budget and Rates Committee and approved by the Board at its regular meeting on October 19, 2007.

For 2008 the LES Operating Budget shows an increase of $17.8 million while the Capital Budget is reduced by more than $46 million. The combined requested authorization of $286 million for 2008 is a reduction of $28 million from 2007.

As you recall, LES did not have an increase in base rates during 2007. We did institute a 5.6% surcharge in March, 2007 to recover added replacement power costs due to the central Nebraska ice storm. At the October 2007 meeting of the LES Board, the Board reviewed LES’ financial situation and determined that while the increased costs due to the storm were not fully recovered by the surcharge, that improvements in other areas had made up the difference. Therefore, the Board voted to end the surcharge at the end of October.

Two of the focal points of 2008 will be to improve our financial metrics and to make a positive step forward in sustainable energy. First is to dedicate 1% of retail revenue (approximately $2 million per year) to start rebuilding the rate stabilization fund which has been drawn down significantly over the last few years. Once at about $12 million, the current balance is about $4.3 million. The second initiative involves putting 0.5% of retail revenue (about $1 million per year) into programs that support sustainable energy programs that focus on energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy, consumer education and research. The capital budget also includes $4.5 million for renewable energy projects.

We expect that the 2008 Budget will require a 5.5% increase in retail rates in March of 2008. The components of the increase are:

- Power Costs, O&M, A&G since 2006: 3.0%
- Adverse STB decision on rail rates: 1.0%
- Rebuild Rate Stabilization fund: 1.0%
- Sustainable Energy Programs: 0.5%
- TOTAL: 5.5%
The approval of this budget does not constitute approval of an increase in rates. LES will conduct a cost analysis and review any recommendations with the public and the LES Board prior to bringing a formal rate recommendation to the City Council.

The following pages describe in greater detail the major components of the operating and capital budgets. We have proposed the following schedule for your consideration of the 2007 budget:

- Monday, November 5 - Introduction and Pre-Council review
- Monday, November 19 - Public Hearing
- Monday, December 4 - City Council Action

The LES Administrative Board and Management recommend the 2008 Budget for your approval.

If you have any questions about the budget, we would be glad to address them prior to or during the Pre-Council Session on November 5.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Bundy, P.E.
Administrator and CEO

TLB:cls
2008 LES Budget Summary for the Lincoln City Council

Operating Budget

The Operating Budget reflects our planned operating expenses and it is this amount that we use to track our budget progress. For purposes of City Council authorization we also include the Budget Authorization which is derived by subtracting depreciation (a non-cash item) from the Operating Budget and adding back in debt service and the payment in lieu of tax (PILOT). Because of a required accounting change, PILOT is no longer included as an operating expense. In order for the historical years to be on a comparable basis, we have also removed PILOT from the 2005-2007 numbers in the chart above and any comparative tables.

The 2008 LES Operating Budget is nearly $18 million higher than the current year’s budget. The chart above shows the “Operating Budget” of $198,213,000 and an “Operating Authorization” of $217,962,000.

The largest increase is in power costs although a significant component of that increase is due to increased production at the Walter Scott #4 plant that will be sold at wholesale. Wholesale revenue from that sale will more than offset the increased production costs. About $2 million of the increase is due to the decision of the Surface Transportation Board to deny rail rate relief to the participants in Laramie River Station. The
participants continue to pursue rate relief on several fronts. Power costs are also increased to cover a projected 2.5% increase in retail energy sales.

The $2.7 million increase in Other Operating expenses includes the $1 million for sustainable energy projects. Increased labor and materials costs are also in other operating expenses.

Depreciation expenses have increased by more than 10% ($3.6 million) with the addition of new generation and transmission plant.

**LES 2008 Operating Budget**

* PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Tax) of $10,200,000 is not included in operating expense, however is a required part of the budget request.

The drivers of the LES Operating budget are Power Costs at 61.4% and Depreciation of our large capital infrastructure at 18.1%. Together they are roughly 80% of our budget. The amounts going to other functional areas are also shown.

The addition of the Walter Scott #4 unit in Council Bluffs represents a major change in our resource portfolio. It will significantly reduce our use of natural gas and in the long term, will help to keep our costs down. In the short term, while we are growing into that resource we expect to be selling additional power on the wholesale market. We forecast our wholesale revenue to grow from $16 million in 2006, to $21 million in 2007, and $31 million in 2008. For 2008 we will be selling half of the output of the Walter Scott unit.
We continue to face challenges of increasing coal costs and freight rates as well as record low water conditions at the reservoir serving Laramie River Station.

The budget also assumes an increase in the Energy Voucher Program with Lincoln Action Program from the equivalent of $0.07 per customer per month to $0.08 in 2008. The LES Administrative Board had previously directed that the funding level for the program be reviewed whenever there was an approved change in LES rates. The funding level for the program would increase from about $105,000 in 2007 to $123,000 in 2008.

The proposed 2008 budget assumes adding $2 million to the Rate Stabilization Fund and a debt service coverage of 1.90.

LES, along with a number of other utilities in Montana, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa are considering various proposals to become market participants in the wholesale market administered by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator. This would be the most significant, fundamental change in the way LES operates since we moved from primarily a wholesale customer to a facility owning utility in the late 1970s.

Such a market operates under an approach called Locational Marginal Pricing (LMP). Under LMP, we would no longer run our generation to meet our load. Our load would be served from the market at market prices, and our generation would run and receive payment only when it is able to produce at a cost that is at or below the LMP. Studies are currently under way to determine if there are economic benefits for LES. The difficulty is that LES may not really have any choice if all of our neighboring utilities decide to join the market. Decision points are likely to occur before the end of this year and the dates currently being discussed for the operational change are June, 2008 or September, 2008.
The 2008 LES Capital budget of $67,750,000 is down $46.2 million from this year’s capital budget. The above chart shows that LES capital costs tend to fluctuate from year to year, which is a function of the intermittent nature of large generation and transmission projects. The decrease in 2008 reflects the completion of the Walter A. Scott #4 coal-fired power plant and significant transmission projects to assure continued high levels of service reliability. LES has added significant generation and transmission infrastructure over the past few years. While 2008 reflects a significant decrease, we expect the capital budget to decrease further to the $50 million dollar range in 2009. Capital costs are primarily funded by long-term debt which is why we see increased debt service payments in the 2008 budget.

The capital construction is necessary to continue providing reliable electric service to approximately 128,800 customers and a total system load of 799 megawatts. As noted earlier, LES will add about 1,800 net new customers. Service will be upgraded to about 1,200 existing customers, including about 500 overhead to underground residential conversions.
Nearly $20 million of the proposed 2008 capital budget is for transmission infrastructure. Part of this is a carryover of projects started, but not completed in 2007. In 2008, a new transmission line being constructed by the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) will be connected to the LES system which will enhance regional reliability. OPPD will reimburse LES for the cost of the substation and facilities to connect the line to the LES system.

Part of the increase in the capital budget is attributed to continuing escalation in the cost of raw materials, particularly steel, copper and aluminum.

On the generation side, LES has completed a multi-year plan to add over $325 million in local and regional generation resources. We have completed the Salt Valley Generating Station, a natural gas-fired combined cycle plant in northeast Lincoln and the WAS #4 coal-fired plant was completed in 2007. LES expects that it will be several years before major new generation resources are needed. One of the goals of the sustainable energy program is to further delay the need for additional resources.

In recent years, LES has been under pressure to increase its financial metrics in order to maintain its enviable “AA” debt ratings. These ratings are important to keep borrowing costs low, recognizing that LES finances more than 70% of its capital needs with bonds. With this budget LES proposes to start rebuilding the rate stabilization fund, start moving the debt to equity ratio back to the goal and to meet a target debt coverage of 1.85 or greater. The following charts show history and projections for these ratios.

**Debt to Equity Ratio**

![Debt to Equity Ratio Chart]

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Goal: Below 70.0%
Budget Request Summary

The total budget authorization request for 2008 is $285,712,000, compared to last year's request of $313,262,000. The decrease from 2007 a function of significantly reduced capital costs.
LES exec receives $10,125 pay raise

A public hearing for a rate increase is Jan. 8.

BY ALGIS J. LAUKAITIS
Lincoln Journal Star

Terry Bundy, administrator and CEO of the Lincoln Electric System, has received a 4.5 percent increase in salary.

The LES Administrative Board on Friday voted unanimously to increase Bundy's salary from $225,000 to $235,125, said utility spokesman Russ Reno. The pay raise is effective Jan. 1.

"Terry Bundy has used his leadership skills to lead his team in pursuit of maintaining electric service in a low-cost, reliable manner," the nine-member board noted in its resolution.

The board also noted in the resolution that LES is well-known and well-respected throughout the community, utility industry and financial markets "as a well-run, innovative, stable organization worthy of the highest levels of financial ratings."

Bundy joined LES in 1972 and was appointed administrator and CEO in 1997.

In related news, LES will hold a public hearing for a proposed systemwide 5.5 percent rate increase, if approved by the utility's administrative board and the City Council, the increase would take effect on or after March 1.

The hearing is set for 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Walter A. Catney Service Center, 2620 Fairfield St.

LES said it needs the rate increase to:

- Pay for new generation, transmission and power distribution facilities to serve a growing community.
- Replenish its rate stabilization fund.
- Cover increased costs for rail transportation of coal.
- Develop sustainable energy programs.

Draft rate schedules are available for the public at the LES main office, 11th and O streets, and on utility's Web site at: www.les.com.
APPA SELECTED FINANCIAL & OPERATING RATIOS OF PUBLIC POWER SYSTEMS

Keith Brown
Lincoln Electric System

Industrial revenue was down. 2005 reflects increased power cost of over $1.5 million.

This indicator, which is driven by power cost which was 7% of LES total for 2005. LES has remained at the bottom of the index of operating efficiency. Lower is better to a point (low may mean system not being maintained or rates are high).

1 - Operating Ratio (Total Electric Cost/Expenses to Total Electric Revenue)
Recently, LES was ~3% of the 2005 overall average. 2005 utility shows the increased power cost issues being dealt with. Indicate of effectiveness of power cost resources/strategies (lower is better). LES has compared very favorably over the years.

2 - Power cost per kWh sold

2 - Power cost per kWh sold
3 - Operation & Maintenance Cost (excluding Power Cost) per Customer
4 - Distribution O&M Per Customer

LES and was 36% of the 2005 overall average. It is below a point (no longer can result in power reliability/quality problems). LFS has compared very favorably over the years and was -36% of the 2005 overall average. Measure of cost efficiency for a specific category. Service area density (i.e., urban v. rural) will impact this indicator. Lower
The 2005 overall average.

The allocation of expenses across departments is as follows: 75% to Employee Assistance Program (EAP), 70% to health, 40% to dental, 20% to insurance, and 10% to payroll. The allocation is expected to remain constant at 3% of the overall expense per customer.

The chart illustrates the expenses per customer for the years 2002 to 2005. The expenses are represented by various lines, each indicating a different category of expense. The chart shows a general trend of increasing expenses over the years.
Performance has trended upward and above the other averages and was high at the beginning of retail levels and efficiency. Higher is better in a point (100) high may mean not enough skill to improve.

6 - Retail Customers per Non-Customer Employee (Average Fulltime / Average Number of Non-Customer Employees)
LEED is a 2% of the 2005 overall average as all averages have tended down in recent years. In the one we use in our monthly financial statements (All Interest Expense + FUDC + Bond Principal to Income Available for Debt Service) the measure of financial strength: Higher is better, so higher may mean high fees. This is a different calculation. Debt Coverage (EBITDA + Capital Expenditures + Interest Income) / Depreciation to Total Electric Long-Term Debt Service.

7 - DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE
The goal of our current financial plan is to keep the debt to equity ratio at 70% or less. During 1988 to 1999, asset utilization increased by borrowing for electric and CBA and other construction. The downward trend is expected to continue. The current overall average for LE's is 1.49% above the 2005 overall average. The number of customers paying for assets indicates that the company is better than 40%. Lower is better. A point of note is that customers are paying for assets in a timely manner.
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Overall average. LES has plunged in the last few years with negative net revenue in the last two.

9 - Net Income Per Revenue Dollar (Net Revenue / Electric Revenue)
Lincoln Electric System

Power resources are remote from our load (60% LRS). LES was +28% of the 2005 average.
Indicator of system efficiency. Lower is generally better. LES is above the averages because a large portion of our major

11 - Energy Loss Percentage

![Energy Loss Percentage Graph]

Overall Avg
LES Avg 86-93
LES Avg 86-05
100% + 40%
100% + 0%
Our annual electric rate survey, LES is 27% below the 2005 overall average. IOU data is also included.

The data coverages and cash reserves, LES has had few issues for the entire survey period, which confirms the results of

Indicator of Electric Reserves. Lower is better to a point (too low doesn't provide enough revenue to meet financial targets)

12 – Retail Revenue per kWh (Total Retail Revenue / Total Retail Energy Sales)
Council Members

Pegler Sysco supports the Lincoln Employers coalition Statement on rate increase.

We also would like to get back the 12% increase to large user that we got hit with a year ago July.

And see LES support programs that help large power user lower there usage by having incentives to do so.

And most important of all it would be a great thing for LES and the City of Lincoln to be able to advertise not only low power rates

But that Lincoln has the lowest power consumption per household in the county, because our City and LES was the most proactive in

Energy use reduction for both commercial and residential customers. That in turn lowers the demand and need for new power plants and other sources of high cost electricity.

Thank you, for you consideration on this issue.

Phil

Phil Corkill
Plant Engineer
Pegler Sysco
402-421-5258
I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of February 2 through February 8, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Margaret J. Vrana - RE: Support renewable energy.
2. E-Mail from Benjamin Barber - RE: In Support of Energy Conservation Efforts.
3. E-Mail from Sara Friedman - RE: LES rate increase.
5. E-Mail from Tyler Mainquist - RE: Support energy conservation.
11. E-Mail from Nanne Olds - RE: Please support LES and its energy conservation plans.
14. E-Mail from Dennis Keim - RE: LES Conservation and Renewables Funding.
17. E-Mail from Pam Barnett - RE: LES cut their advertising and lower the LES rates.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of February 2 through 8, 2008
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, February 3
- 308th Transportation Company - United States Army Reserve homecoming (160 members), remarks - 2 p.m., 3700 West “O” St.

Tuesday, February 5
- Governor’s Arts Awards - noon, Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Wednesday, February 6
- AFL-CIO Annual Legislative Breakfast, remarks - 7 a.m., Holiday Inn Downtown
- Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
- Lincoln Public Schools Foundation “Celebration of Excellence,” remarks - 4 p.m., Beattie Elementary School, 1901 Calvert

Thursday, February 7
- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced

Friday, February 8
- KLIN Morning Show with Dane Ross - 8:10 a.m., Broadcast House, 4343 “O” St.
Dear Council Members,
I urge you to allocate the $1 million dollars to support residents and businesses in developing sustainable, renewable energy sources. This will enable us to help reduce global warming as well as improve our quality of living here at home. By investing this money now, you will be able to see how well this does work, so consider increasing the program in the future. Thank you for taking this opportunity to make Lincoln a great place to live.

Sincerely, Margaret J. Vrana

Looking for last minute shopping deals? Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.
Dear Council members,

I am emailing to urge you to support the Energy Conservation efforts that are under consideration at the February 4 public hearing.

I appreciate the willingness of Lincoln Electric System and the Nebraska Public Power District to take bold moves in support of responsible use of energy and I ask that you allocate the $1 million in assistance to encourage energy efficiency.

With your support this program can be a model that we and other districts can learn from in the future.

Thank you for supporting this measure on my behalf.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Barber
5510 Prescott Ave
Lincoln, NE, 68506
phone: 402.613.2186
email: barberboy@gmail.com

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To All Council Members:

On Monday PM, Feb 4th, you will be holding a hearing on Lincoln Electric System's (LES) request for a 5.5% retail rate increase. Most of that increase will go for things like rising costs of coal transportation. LES also proposes to spend $1 million (or half a percent of the total budget) to start promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy.

It is my understanding that LIBA will be opposing this rate increase. A natural reaction. What business would not try to keep their expenses from rising. Just as businesses pass their operating expenses onto their consumers, LES is asking to do the same. What is different about this increase, is that part of this rate increase will go to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy, both of which are much needed. The end result will be cost effective and protect the environment. You are the first step in helping to promote efficiency and renewables.

Vote YES on a retail rate increase.

Respectfully,

Sara Friedman
1990 Ryons St.
Lincoln, NE 68502-3863
To: council@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: Support Energy Conservation

Dear Council members,

I am writing to you to ask that you allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient.

I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years.

I support the efficient use of electricity - the cheapest and fastest way to curb global warming pollution.

Sincerely,
Louann Jahde

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Start the year off right. Easy ways to stay in shape in the new year.
Dear Council members,

I recently became aware of your consideration of an effort to assist and educate the local community regarding energy efficiency. I am writing to you to ask that you allocate meaningful funding to assist residential and business customers to become more energy efficient.

I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years.

I support the efficient use of electricity -- especially that from renewable sources -- the cheapest and fastest way to curb global warming pollution.

Sincerely,

Tyler Mainquist
5111 Union Hill Rd
Lincoln  68516

tyler@mainquist.org
To All City Council Members:

We support the 5.5% retail rate increase proposed by LES. and are encouraged to read that a portion (1/2%)is earmarked to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy exploration. We feel that it is crucial that you increase your participation in this area--for obvious reasons.

Sincerely,
Ron and Susan Samson
Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to ask that you allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient. I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years. I support the efficient use of electricity – the cheapest and fastest way to curb global warming pollution.

Sincerely,

Justin Kemerling
1200 S 20th #3
Lincoln, NE  68502
402-770-8657
justink@sramarketing.com
Dear Council members,

Having returned from Australia and New Zealand recently, I was impressed with their attempts to improve energy efficiency and reduce global warming. Please consider the LES proposal to allocate money to assist residential and business customers in our community to become more energy efficient.

Thank you.

Nancy Comer
7730 Myrtle St.
Lincoln, NE 68506
Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge all to support the proposed LES budget with the funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Energy efficiency efforts pay off for everyone, reducing energy demand, reducing energy costs, and increasing economic returns within the community. For example, if an uninsulated home is insulated, the occupant gets a quick payback with reduced energy costs, the occupants are more comfortable, money goes to the local contractor who does the installation, and LES doesn't have to spend money on added energy generation.

As for renewables, I suggest you compare the opposite directions of costs of various energy sources. All fossil fuel costs are rising, while all renewables are falling. It may be true that in our system that doesn't put a value on environmental impact, renewables are not the cheapest source...yet. But it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see the trending lines will cross before too long and renewables will be the cheaper choice.

Renewable sources have the added benefits of being more local and diverse. That equates to a more secure, reliable, and efficient supply system.

Looking at all the benefits it is obvious that using energy efficiency and renewables is about much more than environmental issues. So it seems only reasonable to allow a small percentage of the LES budget to go to support energy efficiency and renewables. Actually, much larger steps could be taken, but this is a good first step. Please allow it to happen.

Kendall Weyers
2443 S. 19th St.
Lincoln, NE 68502
Hello, I have a message for the Council Members that I would like to pass on.

My name is Thomas Radtke and I'm emailing to ask that you allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers to become more energy efficient.

I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years.

I support the efficient use of electricity - the cheapest and fastest way to curb global warming pollution.

Thanks for your time.

Call any time
Thomas Radtke

Thomas Paul Radtke CMT GCFP RYT
Yoga, Body & Balance, owner
402-476-5135
thomaspaulradtke@yahoo.com

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Dear City Council members,

**Global warming is not a theory– it is real.** In Australia they are facing the worst drought in a century. The amount of Arctic sea ice that melted this summer was far beyond what was predicted, making it appear that we are dangerously close to the “tipping point” where global warming will wreak horrendous effects for years to come. The *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* says that without major changes, the world faces extinction of 30% of the earth’s animals and plants, 1 billion people without enough water, and hundreds of millions of others affected by rising sea levels, violent storms, and spreading diseases. Even the U.S. military is aware of the threat of global warming. **General Gordon Sullivan**, former Army chief of staff to President George H.W. Bush called global warming a “threat multiplier for instability,” and last year **11 retired generals**, including General Anthony Zinni, warned of growing instability “in already fragile areas…as food production declines, diseases increase, clean water becomes increasingly scarce, and large populations move in search of resources.”

We must ALL do something – we cannot leave it to others. What LES is proposing is a very modest step but it is important, and it deserves your wholehearted support. Shame on the Lincoln Independent Business Association for opposing this.

Thank you.

Nanne Olds
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   General Council

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Dear Council Members:
I am writing to express my support as a concerned citizen for the LES budget that will hold be reviewed at a public hearing on Monday. In particular I urge you to support their request to use funds to establish a sustainability program and investigate the development of renewable energy projects such as a methane gas to electricity project at the City’s Bluff Road Landfill.

According to the Lincoln Journal Star, a business coalition and LIBA are against allocating funds for these projects. In my opinion this is not solely a business interests versus environmentalists issue but also an economic development and planning issue.

I think we need to decrease our reliance on foreign oil and become more energy independent. Sustainable energy projects can help create jobs in our community. Workers will be needed to weatherize homes and businesses to make them more energy efficient. Installing solar roof panels is another viable local enterprise. Businesses that become forward thinking, more energy efficient and less wasteful will position themselves positively in a competitive market place.

Some communities have referred to new jobs created from sustainable programs as “green collar” jobs. I think that Lincoln, with the help of the University of Nebraska can position itself to be a leader in the state in creating “green collar” jobs. In order to do this, however, we must think of the bigger picture and be willing to make investments now for long-term future returns. As a community, we need to be innovative to remain competitive for future challenges. Developing sustainable energy practices and renewable energy projects will help us do that.

LES’s projects in their proposed budget are modest steps to help us become more energy independent. Your approval demonstrates your commitment to improving the quality of life for Lincoln and its residents.
Dear Council Members,

LES has a proposal before you for a rate hike. As I understand it, most of that increase will go for things like the rising costs of coal and transportation, but, and this is a very important part of the proposal, LES also proposes to spend $1 million (or half a percent of the total budget) to start promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy.

It is crucial that whatever rate increase is approved that the energy conservation plans be retained. Energy efficiency and the work to promote and implement renewable energy sources are the long-term planning that is needed. Please support this enlightened and visionary view.

Do not allow the energy conservation portions of this proposal to be cut. Although I am retired and on a fixed income, I own my own home, pay a substantial electric bill and still believe that what we do to seek greater efficiency in our use of natural resources is important to life for my grandchildren.

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Dear Council Members,

I'm unable to attend the city council hearing today regarding the LES budget and in particular funding for conservation and renewable energy. In lieu of that, I'm sending you this letter in support of this funding and am attaching the survey information that I recently sent to LES advising them on what my own priorities and concerns would be for such an effort.

As I recall, Benjamin Franklin once said that a penny saved was a penny earned. That sensibility also works with energy. It's typically much less expensive to save a kWh than it is to generate one. The cost of conservation programs are minimal compared to the cost of adding new generation. This can be seen most clearly in the California energy crisis just a few years back.

While some were claiming that a lack of generation was to blame for this situation, and that this had to be remedied, as a result of conservation efforts, changes in consumption eliminated any near term concerns for additional generation. In fact, conservation worked so well that plants on the drawing board were scrapped.

This conservation effect was noted by energy expert Amory Lovins shortly after the crisis had eased. (As you may know, Mr. Lovins is going to be in Lincoln in the next couple days as part of the Thompson lecture series at UN-L. I would recommend that all the council members find the time to attend that presentation. I had the good fortune to attend one of his lectures at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA some years back and it was both informative and entertaining.)

Lovins commented to the Commonwealth Club of California in 2001:

"Electric savings accelerated further in June. In the first half of 2001, Californians cut their weather-corrected electric energy use by 10% and their peak load by 12%. Per dollar of Gross State Product, electric energy use went down 12%, while peak load declined by 14%. In half a year, Californians reversed five or ten years of previous load growth—a stunning result." (http://www.rmi.org/images/PDFs/Energy/E01-20_CwealthClub.pdf)

And this is from a California grid system that was already a comparatively very efficient system in its use of energy compared to other states.

Speaking of efficient energy use and renewable energy development, it seems to me that much can be learned from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) in this regard. They have been transitioning their system from a centralized power system based on non-renewables to a more distributed power system using conservation and renewables. They have had an office on conservation and renewables for over a decade.

How Can You Go Green with SMUD?
http://www.smud.org/community-environment/greenhome.html

2007 Status Report on Renewable Energy at SMUD
They have also been on the cutting edge of these technologies. For example, their recent efforts to examine the potential for plugin hybrids to act as a distributed storage system for the grid are very interesting. This technology is called "vehicle-to-grid" or V2G and allows two way flow of energy from the batteries of plugin hybrids to the grid.


Putting More Wind on the Wire with V2G - EVworld.com
http://www.evworld.com/article.cfm?storyid=1122

In the case of emergencies, such as power line failures in winter storms, these plugin hybrid vehicles could temporarily support the grid (or just the homeowner) with power using their gasoline or Diesel engines.

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New wind energy technology is a cost-competitive alternative for energy supply. The recent NPPD Ainsworth wind farm has proven to be even better than anticipated as a source of not only clean and renewable but cost-efficient energy supply. It's my understanding that the only regret is not going with a larger wind farm. Unlike the cost and availability of coal and uranium, there is no concern about either when it comes to this renewable energy source. The wind will continue to be free and, barring some radical change in climate patterns, plentiful over much of our state.


The concern about intermittent nature of supply by renewables is currently being addressed by the University of Kassel in Germany along with others. As you may know, Germany is on the forefront of renewable energy technology. Its wind power industry is the second largest consumer of steel behind their automobile industry.

The University of Kassel has developed a project they call the Kombikraftwerk (combined power plant) project. This project demonstrates that by combining intermittent energy sources such as wind and sun with biomass backup and pumped hydro storage a reliable virtual power plant can provide power to the grid. The following is a roughly 7 minute long video clip on this program including a graphic example of how the variable system load is handled over time by each supply component.

http://www.unendlich-viel-energie.de/fileadmin/?video/Kombikraftwerk_en1.mpg

This page provides an overview of the project in English.


While Nebraska has considerable wind, solar and biomass resources, there may be limited options for pumped hydro storage. (Water level may build in dams to some extent as a storage option of sorts.) What may be a more viable option are the compressed air energy storage (CAES) systems such as are presently being implemented with wind farms in the Des Moines area. Also there are interesting developments in using wind power to generate hydrogen as a storage technology.

Wind plus compressed air equals efficient energy storage in Iowa proposal -WAPA

NREL , XCEL Energy Sign Wind to Hydrogen Research Agreement
http://www.allbusiness.com/government/3669481-1.html
More details of various energy conservation, storage and renewable production are to be found in my attachment. Feel free to contact me on any of these issues either by phone or by e-mail.

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- LES Survey.doc
DON'T GIVE ANY MONEY TO UNL (or any other outside group for that matter).

Consider having a volunteer board to work strictly on conservation, renewables, storage and demand side issues for LES. This survey and the meetings are good first steps but it would be nice to institutionalize the feedback and communication a bit more, in my opinion. Also it would be nice to have an occasional report on how the wind turbines and other renewable projects are doing. Some goals and associated metrics for the public to ponder and respond to.

Support an electric bike demonstration and/or incentive program (it would be inexpensive and worthwhile - lots of them in China these days). Another demonstration program that might be worthwhile would be a couple of micro-CHP (Combined Heat and Power) installations that might be done in cooperation with Aquila. Co-generation should be encouraged generally, of course.

Hire a full-time renewable energy and conservation expert and advocate within LES. Someone who knows the difference between a sodium sulfur and a vanadium flow battery. Someone who knows what all the more demand side focused utilities (like SMUD) are up to and how these pre-existing programs might inform LES in a positive way. Let the current PR wing of LES do the outreach with this new resident expert as a source of new ideas and general reference.

To put it mildly, there seems to be some skepticism towards renewables (like wind) within LES. Skepticism is good to a point. We may be beyond that point given new developments. Perhaps with the addition of a full-time renewables expert within LES, this might be tempered.

Speaking of wind, if LES is to do more investment in that area, it seems like it would be a good idea to put up any new turbines in a high wind area. That would not be on the edge of town most likely. Also rooftop mounted turbines are becoming popular but in most cases they are poor energy investments and should not be encouraged as such. See essays on-line by Paul Gipe and Hugh Piggott for details.

Storage should have increased focus with regard to intermittent renewable sources and the overall management of the system. Sodium sulfur batteries, vanadium flow batteries, compressed air, ultracapacitors and hydrogen (esp. wind generated) are all getting more attention and, in some special instances, use these days. LES should be up to speed on these technologies.

Also along with plugin hybrids there are the next generation of plugins called "vehicle to grid" (V2G) hybrids. These are plugins that allow for two way power follow and allow the vehicle to be used as on-grid storage while it's parked. SMUD has been doing some interesting work with this technology. In theory, a large number of these vehicles could provide a large distributed storage and power quality enhancing component to a grid.

As the world is turning towards more intermittent and distributed energy sources, this also is requiring a shift away from the baseload paradigm that is not compatible with these new sources of power. While wind can't be relied on to provide baseload conversely a nuclear plant can't be used to follow demand. Each require storage and/or intermediate and peak plants to follow the loads. How utilities that are adding in ever higher penetrations of renewables (as in Denmark) should be of interest for future developments at LES.

LES should take a look at what the Univ. of Kassel in Germany is up to with their Kombikraftwerk (combined power plant) model which uses 36 renewable power sources (wind, solar, biomass) to provide 100% renewable supply to a demonstration grid.
Just for the record, contrary to the opinion of some individuals, nuclear is not a renewable. Nor is it sustainable by most conventional uses of that term. More importantly, it has a bad habit of being over-sold, over-budget and over-schedule. The recent serious problems with the construction of the new Areva-Siemens plant in Finland should be a reminder to go along with the old Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) bonds. Let's not go there.

With any luck, perhaps LES will have its own "Art Rosenfeld Effect" sometime in the near future if it keeps on this VERY encouraging path. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to participate with our comments via this survey and the earlier meetings.
Please consider the energy saving approach and conservation program that is being recommended at today’s LES meeting. All citizens will benefit and our environment will be protected.
Esteemed Council Members:
The time to start pushing renewable energy was before now, but now is what we have. This is a prime example of the old adage "penny wise and pound foolish." Not doing all we can to promote renewables (and recycling) now will come back to hurt us in the not too distant future. Some say coal is cheaper, we must use it are not taking true costs into consideration. The Market has no brain, by the time it reacts, time to have averted impending avoidable damage is past. Business too often only changes when forced to, and that's what your leadership is for. This is a golden opportunity to lead the way, not be dragged along. Thank you, your constituent
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HERE'S A NOVEL IDEA.. HAVE LES CUT THEIR ADVERTISING AND LOWER THE LES RATES... WHOEVER HEARD OF A MONOPOLY NEEDING TO ADVERTISE ANYWAY!!!
To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council for the City of Lincoln
From: Linweld, Inc. - Ronald Smith, Executive Vice President
Date: February 4, 2008

Linweld as a member of the Lincoln Employers Coalition wish to notify the Mayor and City Council that Linweld fully supports the Position Statement presented by the Lincoln Employers Coalition to the City Council for the City of Lincoln.

Ronald E. Smith
Executive Vice President
Linweld Inc.
Dear Council members,
I am writing to you to ask that you allocate $1 million to assist residential and business customers become more energy efficient. I encourage you to start the program this year, and after learning from this experience, expand it substantially in later years. I support the efficient use of electricity - the cheapest and fastest way to curb global warming pollution. Thank you for addressing this important issue at the February 4th Lincoln City Council Meeting.
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