

RESOLUTION

OF

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

No. 23-67

Adopted: December 14, 2023

WHEREAS, Dr. Jerry L. Hudgins of Lincoln, Nebraska, has well and faithfully served the public, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), and the electric utility industry in Nebraska during a period of time in 2011 and again since August 19, 2019, through August 13, 2023, when he served as Interim Director of the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research (the "Center"), concurrent with his responsibilities as Department Chair for Electrical and Computer Engineering at UNL; and

WHEREAS, during his most recent four years of service as Interim Director of the Center, which was established as a partnership by the Nebraska Public Power District and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dr. Hudgins has provided the leadership to further develop the vision, processes, and programs to make the Center successful; and

WHEREAS, during his time of service, Dr. Hudgins supported an external review of the Center, which has laid the groundwork for new growth opportunities. Working with UNL and NPPD leadership, he directed a subsequent visioning process for the development of an updated roadmap for the Center, which identified opportunities for additional strategic partners for the Center and expanded avenues for collaboration across the departments and colleges, centers and institutes of the University; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, Dr. Hudgins was able to expand communications of the work of the Center through publication of the Energy Center Chronicles newsletter while engaging with the Electric Power Research Institute and by hosting entrepreneurial workshops for faculty and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hudgins' management of the Center and the resultant success of its many research projects has garnered millions of additional research dollars being brought to Nebraska, along with new technologies and other solutions to the energy challenges of our time; and

WHEREAS, after numerous contributions to the Center and to the State of Nebraska, Jerry L. Hudgins completed his duties as Interim Director effective August 13, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, as individuals and as the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District, do fondly express our deep and sincere appreciation and commendation to Dr. Jerry L. Hudgins for his faithful service to the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research, the Nebraska Public Power District, the State of Nebraska and to the public, in doing his best to provide leadership in the area of energy sciences research; we hereby further express our sincere wish that he enjoy the utmost success in all endeavors that lie before him.