

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of NorthWestern) Application No. NG-111.4
Energy, Sioux Falls, South)
Dakota, seeking to modify its)
tariff due to the February 2021) ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL
cold weather event and establish) SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF
a surcharge for commercial sales) HEARING
customers who convert to)
transportation service.) Entered: October 20, 2021

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On September 7, 2021, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-captioned docket to address an application filed by NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota ("NorthWestern") to modify its tariff. The proposed modification relates to costs incurred by customers electing to convert from retail service to transportation service subsequent to the February cold weather event.¹ A Petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on September 14, 2021 and was subsequently granted by order of the Hearing Officer on September 15, 2021.

Procedural Schedule

After the submission of the application by NorthWestern, a planning conference was held with the parties to this docket. This order serves to formalize the timeline for proceedings in this docket.

A. Service

Parties may meet filing deadlines outlined herein by sending an electronic copy of the filing via electronic mail to psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov, so long as all parties are served via electronic mail contemporaneously.

B. Deadlines

Deadlines for various events and filings were established through communication with the parties, and are set forth below.

¹ See Commission Docket No. NG-111, *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the effect of the February 2021 cold weather event upon the cost of gas supply purchased by Nebraska gas utilities.*

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All filings are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time unless otherwise noted.

Date	Event
Tuesday, September 7, 2021	Application filed
Tuesday, October 12, 2021	Protest date
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.	Planning conference
Friday, November 19, 2021	Deadline to file exhibit lists, witness lists, and pre-filed testimony, if desired Deadline for all motions or other filings
Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.	Hearing

C. Settlement

All parties are encouraged to cooperate and engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines. Parties need not identify in settlement agreements specific dollar values attached to specific issues.

D. Hearing

A hearing will be held in the above-captioned docket in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on **Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** Access to the hearing via webconference will be made available.

The Commission will arrange for a court reporter for the hearing in this matter, and an expedited transcript will be provided. The costs for the reporter's services and the transcript will be assessed to the Applicant.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

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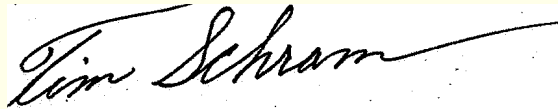
O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing on this matter will be held on **Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day of October, 2021.

BY:



Tim Schram
HEARING OFFICER