

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. NG-115.1
Commission, to conduct a)
management review of gas supply)
schedules implemented by)
NorthWestern Energy Public) ORDER GRANTING FORMAL
Service Corporation d/b/a) INTERVENTION OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE
NorthWestern Energy, Sioux)
Falls, South Dakota, pursuant)
to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1854.) Entered: March 20, 2024

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On March 5, 2024, the Commission opened this docket on its own motion in order to review the gas supply procurement practices associated with gas purchasing of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern"),¹ Sioux Falls, South Dakota, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1854. The Commission previously conducted a financial review of the gas supply cost adjustment schedules filed by NorthWestern regarding the gas supply in Docket No. NG-115, however a management and prudence review of NorthWestern's procurement policies was not conducted at that time.² This sub docket was opened to conduct the second planned portion of the audit of NorthWestern, the management audit.

A Petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on March 19, 2024. Pursuant to the Rules of Commission Procedure, I find that the above-listed petition for formal intervention should be granted, and the Nebraska Public Advocate should be designated as a formal intervenor and a party to this proceeding. The Nebraska Public Advocate further should be entitled to participate in this proceeding to the extent of her express interest in the matter and in a manner consistent with the Commission's Rules.

¹ Previously known as NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy. The name was formally changed January 1, 2024. See Commission Docket No. NG-121, *In the Matter of the Joint Application of NorthWestern Corporation and NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking authority to issue securities and transfer its Nebraska certificate of public convenience and necessity*, Order Granting Application (December 12, 2023).

² See Commission Docket No. NG-115, *In the Matter of the Commission, to conduct a review of gas supply cost adjustment schedules implemented by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1854*. Order Closing Review and Cancelling Hearing (January 18, 2023).

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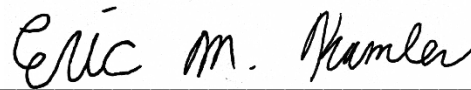
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the petition of the Public Advocate for formal intervention in this matter should be granted consistent with the terms set forth herein.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day of March, 2024.

BY:



Eric Kamler
HEARING OFFICER