

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)	
review of gas supply cost)	
adjustment schedules)	
implemented by NorthWestern)	ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL
Energy Public Service)	SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF HEARING
Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern)	
Energy, Sioux Falls, South)	
Dakota, pursuant to Neb. Rev.)	
Stat. § 66-1854.)	Entered: April 30, 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 by the Nebraska Public Advocate ("PA") was approved by the Commission on March 20, 2024. No other parties have intervened in this docket.

Procedural Schedule

On March 12, 2024, a planning conference was held with the parties to this docket for the purposes of establishing a timeline for the completion of the Commission's review. This order serves to formalize the timeline for proceedings in this docket.

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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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. Discovery

All responses to data requests by the auditors are due within ten (10) days of service, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. Any requests sent after 3:00 p.m. Central Time shall be considered filed the following day for purposes of calculating response time. The company and the auditors should make good faith efforts to resolve any issues that may arise in relation to data requests.

C. Deadlines

Deadlines for various events and filings were established through communication with the parties and are set forth below. All filings are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time unless otherwise noted.

Date	Event
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Last day for Commission Consultants to issue Requests for Information
Thursday, May 30, 2024	Last day for NorthWestern to provide responses to Requests for Information
Friday, June 7, 2024	Last day for Intervenors to issue Requests for Information
Friday, June 14, 2024	Conference call to discuss any questions regarding NorthWestern's responses
Friday, June 28, 2024	Last day for NorthWestern to provide responses to Intervenor's Requests for Information

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Monday, August 12, 2024	Conference call to discuss preliminary audit report/factual findings
Wednesday, August 28, 2024	Commission Consultant audit report issued
Monday, September 23, 2024	Party responses, comments, and/or recommendations on audit report due
Friday, October 11, 2024	Natural Gas Department files recommendations/comments (if necessary)
Friday, October 18, 2024	Prehearing Conference (if necessary)
Tuesday, October 22, 2024	Hearing on audit report and recommendations 1:30 p.m. (CST)

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, October 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Central Time**. 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 a 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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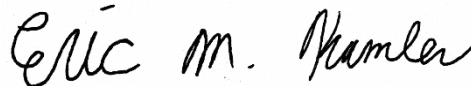
O R D E R

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

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that a hearing on this matter will be held on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Central Time** in the Commission Hearing room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 30th day of April, 2024.

BY:



Eric Kamler

HEARING OFFICER