

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 MOTION
Service Corporation d/b/a	)	
NorthWestern Energy, Sioux	)	
Falls, South Dakota, pursuant	)	
to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1854.	)	Entered: October 8, 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"), 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.<sup>1</sup> This sub docket was opened to conduct the second planned portion of the audit of NorthWestern, the management audit.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on March 7, 2024. A petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on March 19, 2024, and her intervention was approved by the Commission on March 20, 2024. No other parties have intervened in this docket. On April 30, 2024, the Commission entered a hearing officer order setting forth the procedural schedule, wherein it directed parties to file its responses, comments, and/or recommendations to the Commission's audit report by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024.

On October 1, 2024, NorthWestern filed a motion for leave to submit a pre-filed statement after the September 23rd filing deadline. NorthWestern's pre-filed statement was attached to its

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<sup>1</sup> 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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motion as "Attachment A." Upon consideration, I find that the request is reasonable, and the motion should be approved, and the filing accepted. As such, NorthWestern's pre-filed statement attached to its motion as Attachment A, shall be accepted and filed in Docket No. NG-115.1.

## O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the motion submitted by NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy in this docket shall be, and is, hereby granted as described herein.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of October, 2024.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: Eric M. Kamler  
Eric Kamler  
Hearing Officer