

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	Application No. NG-128
NorthWestern Energy Public Service)	
Corporation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota;)	
Black Hills Corporation, Rapid City,)	ORDER GRANTING ADMISSION
South Dakota, and NorthWestern)	PRO HAC VICE
Energy Group, Inc., Sioux Falls, South)	
Dakota, seeking approval of a merger.)	
)	Entered: January 13, 2026

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On October 27, 2025, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Black Hills Corporation of Rapid City, South Dakota, and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota ("Applicants") filed a joint application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking approval of a merger. Petitions for Formal Intervention were filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on October 27, 2025, and the Nebraska LIUNA Local 1140 ("Local 1140") on November 25, 2025. These petitions were approved by the Commission on October 30, 2025, and December 1, 2025, respectively.

On January 8, 2026, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. ("NorthWestern Entities") submitted a motion for the pro hac vice admission of Sarah N. Norcott, a nonresident attorney, to practice in Nebraska on behalf of the NorthWestern Entities. This application was submitted through Andrew S. Pollock, a resident of Nebraska, who is duly and regularly admitted to practice in the courts of record in this state. Sarah N. Norcott is a practicing attorney in good standing for the courts of record in the State of South Dakota, Montana, and Massachusetts. In accordance with Neb. Ct. R. § 3-122(F), the NorthWestern Entities submitted the required \$250.00 application fee on January 13, 2026. The fee will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Supreme Court's Counsel for Discipline Cash Fund.

Being duly advised of the premises, I find that the NorthWestern Entities' motion for the pro hac vice admission of Sarah N. Norcott should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion for the pro hac vice admission of Sarah N. Norcott should be granted, and Sarah N. Norcott shall be granted leave to

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participate in the above-captioned proceeding in accordance with Neb. S. Ct. Rule § 3-122, and subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Neb. Ct. R. of Prof. Cond. §§ 3-501.0 to 3-508.5.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as a condition of this approval, Sarah N. Norcott shall take and subscribe the oath required by Neb. S. Ct. R. § 3-122 and shall file such oath with the Commission.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of January, 2026.

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BY: 

Kevin Stocker
Hearing Officer