

**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Black Hills Corporation, and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. for Approval of Merger.	) ) ) ) ) )	Application No. NG-128  REQUEST FOR HEARING ON MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY BY THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC ADVOCATE
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The Nebraska Public Advocate, Intervenor in the above matter (hereinafter “Public Advocate”), hereby requests a hearing on her motion to compel discovery against Applicants Black Hills Corporation and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc., (hereinafter collectively “Applicants”). In support thereof, the Public Advocate states and alleges as follows:

1. On or about December 30, 2025, the Public Advocate filed her motion to compel discovery with the Commission.
2. On or about January 14, 2026, the Applicants filed their response with the Commission.
3. The Public Advocate and the Applicants have not resolved the discovery issues that are the basis of the Public Advocate’s motion to compel discovery.

WHEREFORE, the Public Advocate respectfully requests that the Commission Hearing Officer set a hearing for the Public Advocate’s motion to compel discovery.

DATED this 16th day of January, 2026

NEBRASKA PUBLIC ADVOCATE

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Public Advocate's Request for Hearing on Motion to Compel Discovery was served electronically on this 16th day of January 2026 upon the following:

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