

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 SCHEDULING ORAL
South Dakota, and NorthWestern) ARGUMENTS
Energy Group, Inc., Sioux Falls, South)
Dakota, seeking approval of a merger.)
) Entered: January 16, 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 on November 25, 2025. These petitions were approved by the Commission on October 30, 2025, and December 1, 2025, respectively.

On December 30, 2025, the Public Advocate filed with the Commission a Motion to Compel responses to certain data requests and a Motion for Continuance. On January 14, 2026, the Applicants filed responses to the Public Advocate’s motions. On January 16, 2026, the Public Advocate filed a request for hearings on both the Motion to Compel and the Motion for Continuance, stating that the Public Advocate and the Applicants were unable to resolve the issues underlying those motions.

The Hearing Officer finds that oral argument on the pending motions shall be scheduled in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Central Time**. Webconference access will be made available to the parties. Parties intending to present argument shall be prepared to address (1) whether the discovery requests at issue are reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence within the scope of the hearing, and (2) whether good cause exists to grant the Motion for Continuance.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that oral arguments on this matter shall be scheduled for **Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 2:00 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 16th day of January, 2026.

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BY:



Kevin Stocker
Hearing Officer