

SECRETARY’S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| 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 REVISING PROCEDURAL |
| South Dakota, and NorthWestern Energy |) | SCHEDULE |
| Group, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, |) | |
| seeking approval of a merger. |) | |
| |) | Entered: March 12, 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 March 11, 2026, the Applicants, together with the parties to this proceeding, filed a joint motion with the Commission to revise the procedural schedule and extend the rebuttal testimony filing deadline in the above-captioned docket. In its motion, the Parties stated they are currently engaged in settlement discussions and asserted that an extension of the Joint Applicants’ rebuttal testimony deadline would permit the Parties to achieve a full settlement of the disputed issues. The Parties requested the Commission grant an extension of the deadline from Friday, March 13, 2026, to Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The Parties did not seek any other changes to the procedural schedule. With the advice and consent of the Parties to this docket, I find that the procedural schedule shall be revised as set forth above.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the joint motion is hereby approved, and the deadline to file rebuttal testimony shall be extended from Friday, March 13, 2026, to Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 12th of March,
2026.

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BY:

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Kevin Stocker
HEARING OFFICER