

SECRETARY’S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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 REVISING PROCEDURAL
South Dakota, and NorthWestern )	SCHEDULE
Energy Group, Inc., Sioux Falls, South )	
Dakota, seeking approval of a merger. )	
)	Entered: March 20, 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 (“PA”) on October 27, 2025, and the Nebraska LIUNA Local 1140 (“LIUNA”) 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. The motion was approved by the Commission on March 12, 2026, extending the filing deadline from Friday March 13, 2026, to Wednesday March 18, 2026. On March 18, 2026, the Applicants and parties to this proceeding filed a second joint motion to revise the procedural schedule, to extend the filing deadline from Wednesday March 18, 2026, to Friday March 20, 2026. That motion was approved by the Commission on March 18, 2026.

On March 20, 2026, the Applicants and the PA filed a third joint motion to revise the procedural schedule, to extend the filing deadline from Friday, March 20, 2026, to Tuesday, March 24, 2026. LIUNA did not join in the third motion to extend the filing deadline. In the motion, the Applicants and the PA stated they concluded settlement discussions and had achieved a full settlement of the disputed issues. The Applicants and the PA requested the Commission grant a third extension of the filing deadline in order for the Applicants to revise its rebuttal testimonies to remove the contested issues with the PA. The Applicants and the PA did not seek any other changes to the procedural schedule.

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In its motion, the Applicants asserted that they continue to engage in settlement discussions with LIUNA, but have not yet reached a full settlement of the issues. As the requested extension does not alter any other deadlines in the procedural schedule and does not appear to prejudice LIUNA or any other party to this proceeding, I find that the procedural schedule shall be revised as set forth above.

**O R D E R**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the joint motion is hereby approved, and the rebuttal testimony filing deadline shall be extended from Friday, March 20, 2026, to Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 20th day of March, 2026.

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Kevin Stocker  
HEARING OFFICER