

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEBRASKA

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

**THIRD JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND  
REBUTTAL TESTIMONY FILING DATE**

Black Hills Corporation (“Black Hills”) and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. (“NorthWestern Group”) and NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) (collectively known as the “Joint Applicants”), the Nebraska Public Advocate (“Public Advocate”), and The Laborers International Union of North America Local 1140 (“LIUNA”) (with Joint Applicants and Public Advocate, the “Parties”) are parties in the above-captioned proceeding. **Joint Applicants and the Public Advocate are jointly filing this Third Motion to Extend Rebuttal Testimony Filing Date (“Third Motion”). LIUNA has declined to join in this Third Motion.**

On December 9, 2025, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Procedural Schedule and Notice of Hearing* (“December 9, 2025 Procedural Schedule”). Within that Order, the Commission initially established a Procedural Schedule for the above-captioned proceeding, including a Rebuttal Testimony of Joint Applicants’ filing date of March 2, 2026.

On December 30, 2025, Public Advocate filed a *Motion for Continuance by the Nebraska Public Advocate* (“Motion for Continuance”) and a *Motion to Compel Discovery by the Nebraska Public Advocate* (“Motion to Compel”).

On January 14, 2026, Joint Applicants filed *Joint Applicants' Response to Motion to Compel Discovery by the Nebraska Public Advocate* and *Joint Applicants' Response to Motion for Continuance by the Nebraska Public Advocate*.

On January 16, 2026, Public Advocate filed a *Request for Hearing on Motion to Compel Discovery by the Nebraska Public Advocate* and a *Request for Hearing on Motion for Continuance by the Nebraska Public Advocate*.

On January 16, 2026, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") Hearing Officer issued an *Order Scheduling Oral Arguments* setting oral arguments on the pending Motion for Continuance and Motion to Compel for January 21, 2026.

On January 20, 2026, Public Advocate filed a *Response in Support of Motion to Compel Discovery by the Nebraska Public Advocate*.

Oral Arguments on the Motion for Continuance and Motion to Compel were held on January 21, 2026

On January 26, 2026, the Commission issued the *Hearing Officer Order on Motion to Compel and Motion for Continuance* (January 26, 2026 Order") denying the Motion to Compel and granting in part, the Motion for Continuance. The Commission's January 26, 2026 Order moved the rebuttal testimony due date in the Commission's December 9, 2025 Procedural Order from March 2, 2026 to March 13, 2026.

On March 11, 2026, the Parties filed a *Joint Motion to Extend Rebuttal Testimony Filing Date* from March 13, 2026 to March 18, 2026.

On March 12, 2026, the Commission issued a *Hearing Officer Order Revising Procedural Schedule*. That Commission Order extended the Joint Applicants' Rebuttal filing date to Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

On March 18, 2026, the Parties filed a *Second Joint Motion to Extend Rebuttal Testimony Filing Date* from March 18, 2026 to March 20, 2026.

On March 18, 2026, the Commission issued an *Order Revising Procedural Schedule* extending the date to file Rebuttal Testimony to March 20, 2026.

Joint Applicants and Public Advocate have settled this matter. Joint Applicants and LIUNA are continuing to engage in confidential and privileged settlement discussions; however, have not yet reached a settlement. Due to Joint Applicants' settlement with the Public Advocate, Joint Applicants are diligently working on revising the rebuttal testimonies to remove the contested issues with the Public Advocate and focusing on rebutting LIUNA's filed testimony.

Therefore, Joint Applicants and the Public Advocate hereby request that the Hearing Officer and the Commission grant another short extension of the Joint Applicants' rebuttal testimony from Friday, March 20, 2026 to Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Currently, other than the rebuttal testimony deadline, Joint Applicants and the Public Advocate do not seek any other changes in the Commission's revised procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants and the Public Advocate request that the Hearing Officer revise the rebuttal testimony deadline within the Commission's March 18, 2026 *Order Revising Procedural Schedule* from the current deadline of Friday, March 20, 2026 to Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2026.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of March, 2026, the foregoing **Second Joint Motion to Extend Rebuttal Testimony Filing Date** was served electronically on the following at the email addresses shown below:

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