

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 GRANTING ADMISSION
South Dakota, and NorthWestern)	PRO HAC VICE
Energy Group, Inc., Sioux Falls, South)	
Dakota, seeking approval of a merger.)	
)	Entered: March 26, 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 24, 2026, Black Hills Corporation submitted a motion for the pro hac vice admission of Caitlin M. Shields, a nonresident attorney, to practice in Nebraska on behalf of the Black Hills Corporation. This application was submitted through Douglas J. Law, a resident of Nebraska, who is duly and regularly admitted to practice in the courts of record in this state. Caitlin M. Shields is a practicing attorney in good standing for the courts of record in the State of Colorado. In accordance with Neb. Ct. R. § 3-122(F), The Commission received payment of the required \$250.00 application fee from Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP on behalf of Caitlin M. Shields on March 26, 2026. The fee will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Supreme Court’s Counsel for Discipline Cash Fund.

Being duly advised of the premises, I find that Black Hills Corporation’s motion for the pro hac vice admission of Caitlin M. Shields should be granted.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion for the pro hac vice admission of Caitlin M. Shields should be granted, and Caitlin M. Shields shall be granted leave to participate in the above-captioned proceeding in accordance with Neb. S. Ct. Rule § 3-122, and subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Neb. Ct. R. of Prof. Cond. §§ 3-501.0 to 3-508.5.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as a condition of this approval, Caitlin M. Shields shall take and subscribe the oath required by Neb. S. Ct. R. § 3-122 and shall file such oath with the Commission.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of March, 2026.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY:



Kevin Stocker
Hearing Officer