

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: April 1, 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 Laborers Union of North America Local 1140 on November 25, 2025. These petitions were approved by the Commission on October 30, 2025, and December 1, 2025, respectively.

On March 26, 2026, the Laborers Union of North America (“LIUNA”) submitted a motion for the pro hac vice admission of Danielle Franco-Malone, a nonresident attorney, to practice in Nebraska on behalf of the LIUNA. This application was submitted through Ryan M. Kunhart, a resident of Nebraska, who is duly and regularly admitted to practice in the courts of record in this state. Danielle Franco-Malone is a practicing attorney in good standing for the courts of record in the State of Washington. In accordance with Neb. Ct. R. § 3-122(F), The Commission received payment of the required \$250.00 application fee from the Dvorak Law Group on behalf of Danielle Franco-Malone on April 1, 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 LIUNA’s motion for the pro hac vice admission of Danielle Franco-Malone should be granted.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion for the pro hac vice admission of Danielle Franco-Malone should be granted, and Danielle Franco-Malone 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, Danielle Franco-Malone 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 1st day of April, 2026.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY:



Kevin Stocker
Hearing Officer