

**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of NorthWestern Energy            ) Application No. NG-122  
Public Service Corporation d/b/a                    )  
NorthWestern Energy, Seeking Approval of    ) SUBMISSION OF ALDA  
a Natural Gas Rate Increase.                    ) RESOLUTION  
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Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 66-1838(4), a copy of Resolution by the Village Board of the Village of Alda (“Alda”), dated July 9, 2024, memorializing the Board’s decision to negotiate directly with NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) with respect to the above-captioned general rate proceeding, is hereby submitted to the Public Service Commission. A copy of said Resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

DATED: July 16, 2024

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SERVICE CORPORATION D/B/A  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that an original of the above Submission of Alda Resolution for NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy were filed with the Public Service Commission on July 16, 2024, and a copy was served via electronic mail, on the following:

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## EXHIBIT A

### RESOLUTION 24-7.1

A RESOLUTION EVIDENCING THE INTENT OF THE VILLAGE OF ALDA, NEBRASKA TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTHWESTERN ENERGY PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE SECTION 66-1838(4) WITH RESPECT TO NORTHWESTERN'S APPLICATION FOR NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE AND TO AVAIL ITSELF OF THE MUNICIPAL RATE NEGOTIATIONS REVOLVING LOAN FUND CONDITIONED UPON PARTICIPATION BY MUNICIPALITIES REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY OF RATEPAYERS IN NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2024, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern"), filed an Application for Natural Gas Rate Increase ("Application") with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("PSC");

WHEREAS, Section 66-1838 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes authorizes jurisdictional utilities such as NorthWestern to negotiate directly with affected municipalities such as the Village with respect to a proposed general rate change provided, among other things, municipalities representing more than fifty percent (50%) of the ratepayers within the affected municipalities adopt resolutions evidencing their intent to negotiate with the jurisdictional utility;

WHEREAS, NorthWestern desires to negotiate directly with the Village as permitted by NEB.REV.STAT. §66-1838;

WHEREAS, the Village desires to negotiate directly with NorthWestern as permitted by NEB.REV.STAT. §66-1838 so long as other municipalities, consisting of Grand Island, Kearney and North Platte, representing the majority of ratepayers in Nebraska, elect direct negotiation; and

WHEREAS, in the event a sufficient number of affected municipalities adopt resolutions expressing a desire to negotiate directly with NorthWestern with respect to the Application, the Village desires to work cooperatively with the other affected municipalities in negotiating with NorthWestern and to jointly apply for a loan from the Nebraska Municipal Rate Negotiations Revolving Loan Fund ("Fund") as permitted by NEB.REV.STAT. §66-1839.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ALDA, ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The Village desires to negotiate directly with NorthWestern with respect to the Application as permitted by NEB.REV.STAT. §66-1838 so long as a sufficient number of other affected municipalities representing the majority of ratepayers affected in Nebraska elect to negotiate directly;
2. The Village Attorney and other Village staff are directed to work cooperatively

with the other affected municipalities and, in the event a sufficient number of affected municipalities adopt resolutions expressing a desire to negotiate directly with NorthWestern, to commence joint negotiations with NorthWestern and to take appropriate steps to apply for a loan from the Fund; and

3. A copy of this Resolution is to be provided to the PSC and NorthWestern within seven (7) days after its adoption.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2024.



*Ramona Schafer*  
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Ramona Schafer, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF ALDA, NEBRASKA

By: *Jerry Bond*  
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Jerry Bond, Board Chairperson

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