

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. NG-118
on its own motion, seeking to)
open a workshop discussing)
proposed cleanup and updates to) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET
Title 291, Chapter 9, Natural Gas)
and Oil Pipeline Rules and)
Regulations.) Entered: October 11, 2023

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 29, 2022, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-captioned docket to conduct a series of workshops to review and discuss proposed cleanup and updates to Title 291, Chapter 9, Natural Gas and Oil Pipeline Rules and Regulation. The Commission sought to modernize outdated procedures, correct typographical errors, clarify and reorganize various sections, and conduct an overall cleanup of Section 001 through Section 022 of its Rules. A Petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on December 1, 2022, and his intervention was approved by the Commission on December 7, 2022. No other parties formally intervened in this docket, but multiple parties participated in the workshops.

The first workshop was held on February 8, 2023, whereat participants discussed the first half of the proposed rules, Section 001 through Section 009. On May 24, 2023, a second workshop was held to discuss the second half of the proposed rules, Section 010 through Section 022. At these workshops, the Commission reviewed comments and facilitated discussion between regulated utilities, competitive natural gas providers, and other stakeholders.¹ The Commission appreciates the discussion and contributions of all participants in this docket and has taken into consideration all comments made at the workshops. The Commission therefore finds that its review is complete, and no additional workshops will be scheduled in this docket. The Commission will now proceed with the opening of a formal rulemaking proceeding. As such, the Commission finds that this docket should be closed.

¹ The following entities attended the workshops: Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy; NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy; Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division, LLC; Public Alliance for Community Energy; and the Nebraska Public Advocate.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket be, and it is hereby, closed.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of October, 2023.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director