

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
JOINT APPLICATION OF)	Docket No. GE25-001
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY PUBLIC)	
SERVICE CORPORATION, BLACK)	JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
HILLS CORPORATION, AND)	TWO SETTLEMENT STIPULATIONS
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY GROUP,)	AND STIPULATION FOR THE ENTRY
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A MERGER)	OF ALL PREFILED TESTIMONY AND
		EXHIBITS

Black Hills Corporation, NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc., NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (jointly referred to (“Joint Applicants”)), Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”), and the South Dakota Laborers Local 620, the Great Plains Laborer’s District Council, and the Laborers International Union of North America (jointly referred to as “LIUNA”), and together, Staff, Joint Applicants, and LIUNA being referred to as the “Settling Parties”) hereby file the above-referenced Joint Motion for Approval of Two Settlement Stipulations and For the Entry of all Pre-filed Testimony and Exhibits (“Joint Motion for Approval”). The Joint Motion for Approval includes: (1) a Settlement Stipulation between Joint Applicants and LIUNA (“LIUNA Settlement”) and (2) a previously filed Settlement Stipulation between Joint Applicants and Staff (“Staff Settlement”).¹ Staff is not a signatory to the LIUNA Settlement, but does not oppose the LIUNA Settlement and, similarly, LIUNA is not a signatory to the Staff Settlement, but does not oppose the Staff Settlement.

¹ Joint Applicants and Staff previously filed a Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Settlement Stipulation between Joint Applicants and Staff on April 29, 2026. They are also moving for approval *via* this Joint Motion for Approval to reflect that in addition to Joint Applicants’ settlement with Staff, a separate settlement with LIUNA has been reached. As such, all contested issues in the docket have been settled.

In support of the Joint Motion for Approval, the Settling Parties further stipulate and agree that all pre-filed direct, rebuttal, and/or settlement testimony, as well as any accompanying exhibits to pre-filed direct, rebuttal, and/or settlement testimony, should be admitted into the record for purposes of: (i) the Commission reviewing this Joint Motion for Approval; (ii) as part of the evidentiary record when considering whether to approve the LIUNA Settlement and the Staff Settlement and (iii) its ultimate approval of the merger that is the subject of this docket (“Evidentiary Stipulation”). The Settling Parties further stipulate that, if this Joint Motion for Approval is conditionally granted or denied in whole or in part in a manner unacceptable to any Settling Party, the matter shall be set for an evidentiary hearing, and the Evidentiary Stipulation is withdrawn.

The Settling Parties request that the Commission adopt the attached LIUNA Settlement and the attached Staff Settlement as both agreements reflect a reasonable resolution of all issues in this proceeding between the Settling Parties. In support of this Joint Motion for Approval, the Settling Parties submit as follows: 1) this Joint Motion for Approval is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19; 2) the LIUNA Settlement and the Staff Settlement resolve all of the issues between the Settling Parties in Docket GE25-001; and, 3) the terms of the LIUNA Settlement and the Staff Settlement are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Settling Parties jointly request the Commission grant this Joint Motion for Approval, approve the attached LIUNA Settlement and the Staff Settlement without modification, and enter an Order approving the merger.

This Joint Motion for Approval may be signed by the Settling Parties’ counsel in counterparts.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June 2026.

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