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Leah Mohr
Executive Director
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500 E. Capitol Ave.
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RE: GE25-001 - In the Matter of the Joint Application of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Black Hills Corporation and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc., for Approval of Merger

Ms. Mohr,

Commission Staff (Staff) and the Joint Applicants for the merger of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Black Hills Corporation and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. hereby submit this Motion for a Procedural Schedule for docket GE25-001. Furthermore, Staff and the Joint Applicants request a hearing to occur on this matter at the Commission's January 13, 2026, meeting. Good cause exists to hear this Motion on the requested meeting date because of the short timeline afforded to this docket by statute, and the need for the parties to have a schedule in place as soon as possible.

The Intervenors, South Dakota Laborers Local 620, the Great Plains Laborer's District Council and the Laborers International Union of North America, have received the proposed procedural schedule but are not signatories to this Motion.

Sincerely,

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