

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE</b>	)	<b>Docket No. GE25-001</b>
<b>JOINT APPLICATION OF</b>	)	
<b>NORTHWESTERN ENERGY PUBLIC</b>	)	<b>UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION FOR</b>
<b>SERVICE CORPORATION, BLACK</b>	)	<b>APPROVAL OF</b>
<b>HILLS CORPORATION, AND</b>	)	<b>PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE</b>
<b>NORTHWESTERN ENERGY GROUP,</b>	)	
<b>INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A MERGER</b>	)	

Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”), together with Black Hills Corporation (“Black Hills”), NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. (“NorthWestern Group”), NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) (together, the “Joint Applicants”), and South Dakota Laborers Local 620, the Great Plains Laborer’s District Council, and the Laborers International Union of North America (together, “Laborers,” and collectively with the Joint Applicants and Staff, the “Joint Movants”) respectfully move the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to grant a motion for approval of the procedural schedule (“Motion”).

**Procedural Background**

On October 27, 2025, Joint Applicants filed a Joint Application for Approval of Merger with the Commission. On October 30, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 14, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On December 3, 2025, the Commission granted Laborers’ Petition to Intervene.

On January 2, 2026, Staff and the Joint Applicants filed a Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule. At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 13, 2026, the Commission

considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion for Approval of a Procedural Schedule filed on January 2, 2026, and adopted the following Procedural Schedule:

- Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due .....February 18, 2026
- All Parties’ Rebuttal Testimony Due .....March 11, 2026
- Final Day for all parties to Send Discovery .....March 18, 2026
- File Exhibits and Witness List. .... March 25, 2026
- Evidentiary Hearing ..... April 1-3, 2026

On February 2, 2026, Joint Movants filed an Unopposed Joint Motion and Stipulation to Extend the Statutory Deadline and Waiver of Response Time (“Unopposed Joint Motion”). The Commission issued an order granting the Unopposed Joint Motion on February 17, 2026, and setting the new statutory deadline as July 27, 2026.

As Joint Movants indicated in the Unopposed Joint Motion, they have agreed to the following modified procedural schedule for this matter:

- Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due .....May 15, 2026
- All Parties’ Rebuttal Testimony Due .....June 5, 2026
- Final Day for all parties to Send Discovery .....June 12, 2026
- File Exhibits and Witness List. .... June 15, 2026
- Evidentiary Hearing ..... June 22-24, 2026

Joint Movants agree to answer discovery requests with ten-calendar days of receipt unless a different period is agreed upon by the requesting party and responding party.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Movants respectfully request that the Commission grant this Motion and issue an order approving the proposed proposal schedule.

Respectfully submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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