

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	NG07-013
BY NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION D/B/A	)	<b>AMENDED</b>
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR AUTHORITY	)	<b>MOTION FOR REVISION</b>
TO INCREASE RATES FOR NATURAL GAS	)	<b>OF SCHEDULING ORDER</b>
SERVICE	)	

COMES NOW the applicant NorthWestern Energy, by and through its attorney of record and moves the Commission for an order revising the scheduling order which is in place for the above-captioned docket.

With the filing of Staff's testimony and exhibits and subsequent discussions, the parties have refined their positions to the point at which a hearing next week is neither practical nor the most efficient use of either Staff's or the applicant's time.

Staff and the applicant appear to be down to three issues remaining which may need to be heard by the Commission and applicant would ask the Commission to set a hearing date of approximately one day sometime yet in this calendar year in order to resolve any issues which might be outstanding at that time. The issues appear to require the participation of experts and are worthy of further settlement talks. The parties continue to exchange information and exhibits. In the meantime we will also need the Commission to set a date by which applicant's rebuttal testimony is due and would ask that to be 10 to 14 days prior to the ultimate hearing date.

Whereupon the applicant requests the Commission act upon this motion at the earliest possible convenience in order to provide guidance to the parties going forward.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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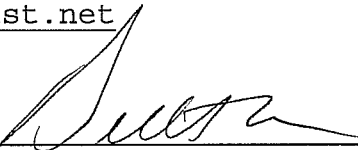
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