SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. NG-101/PI-224
Commission, on its own motion,)
opening an investigatory docket)
for the purpose of general)
monitoring of issues regarding) ORDER ENDING REQUIREMENT FOR
the natural gas industry and) QUARTERLY WRITTEN UPDATES
jurisdictional utilities in)
Nebraska.)
) Docket No. NG-101.1
Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC)
)
) Docket No. NG-101.2
)
NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a)
NorthWestern Energy) Entered: June 24, 2021
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BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On May 14, 2019, The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"), on its own motion, opened this docket in order to monitor issues faced by the Nebraska natural gas industry and Nebraska jurisdictional utilities outside individually docketed proceedings. Since the opening of this docket, the Commission has been meeting with Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC¹ ("Black Hills") and Northwestern Energy ("NorthWestern") (collectively "the utilities") for the purpose of facilitating open communication and effective regulation of the State's natural gas public utilities.

On August 4, 2020, the Hearing Officer entered an order in this docket requiring the utilities to submit to the Commission, on a quarterly basis, information regarding customer accounts as related to the Covid-19 pandemic. I hereby find that these quarterly reports are no longer necessary and shall no longer be required to be submitted.

The utilities are encouraged to continue to update the Commission with any additional information regarding customer accounts and other issues which arise. The Commission appreciates the utilities' efforts in preparing this information over the past year, and in working to protect the safety and health of their customers.

¹ Since the opening of this docket, the two Black Hills entities, Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, and Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, have consolidated into Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the requirement for Black Hills Nebraska Gas and NorthWestern Energy to submit the above-described quarterly reports is hereby rescinded.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of June, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY:

Commissioner Rod Johnson

Hearing Officer