

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of NorthWestern) Application No. NG-111.4
Energy, Sioux Falls, South)
Dakota, seeking to modify its)
tariff due to the February 2021) ORDER GRANTING FORMAL
cold weather event and) INTERVENTION OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE
establish a surcharge for)
commercial sales customers who)
convert to transportation)
service.) Entered: September 15, 2021

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On September 7, 2021, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-captioned docket to address an application filed by NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota ("NorthWestern") to modify its tariff. The proposed modification relates to costs incurred by customers electing to convert from retail service to transportation service subsequent to the February cold weather event.¹ A Petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on September 14, 2021.

Pursuant to the Rules of Commission Procedure, 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 1-015.01 et seq., I find that the above-listed petition for formal intervention should be granted, and the Nebraska Public Advocate should be designated as a formal intervenor and a party to this proceeding.² The Nebraska Public Advocate further should be entitled to participate in this proceeding to the extent of his express interest in the matter and in a manner consistent with 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 1-015.01C.

¹ See Commission Docket No. NG-111, *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the effect of the February 2021 cold weather event upon the cost of gas supply purchased by Nebraska gas utilities.*

² I note that this order, and the petition of the Public Advocate for this order, may be unnecessary pursuant to the formal intervention granted to the Public Advocate in Docket No. NG-111: "...the Nebraska Public Advocate should be designated as a formal intervenor and a party to this proceeding and related sub-dockets to this proceeding." *Order Granting Formal Intervention of Public Advocate*, entered March 5, 2021 (emphasis added). However, for purposes of clarity, the motion filed in the present docket will be granted.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the petition of the Public Advocate for formal intervention in this matter should be granted consistent with the terms set forth herein.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of September, 2021.

BY:



Tim Schram
HEARING OFFICER