BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Jerel Ross d/b/a Yap Auction, Grand Island) Application No. FC-1364
v. NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, alleging unsubstantiated charges and) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER) AND NOTICE OF HEARING
denial of service.) Entered: December 29, 2014

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On November 13, 2014, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) received a Formal Complaint from Jerel Ross d/b/a Yap Auction, (Complainant) Grand Island, Nebraska, against NorthWestern Energy (Respondent), Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Respondent timely filed an Answer to the Formal Complaint.

Planning Conference

A planning conference was held in the above-captioned docket on December 18, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. CST in the Commission Niobrara Conference Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, and via telephone conference. The following persons were present at the conference: for the Commission, Commissioner Jerry Vap, Angela Melton, Director of the Natural Gas Department, and Nichole Mulcahy, Legal Counsel. Participating via telephone for the Complainant, Galen E. Stehlik of Lauritsen, Brownell, Brostrom & Stehlik, P.C., and Gerald and Katherine Ross, and for the Respondent, Jonathan M. Oostra, Corporate Counsel for NorthWestern Energy and Andrew S. Pollock of Rembolt Ludtke, LLP.

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for proceeding in this docket.

Deadlines

Deadlines for various events were established and are set forth in Appendix A.

Service

All parties shall file all documents on all parties of record. All parties shall file all documents in electronic format via email with paper copies sent via mail to follow.

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Hearing

A Hearing in Docket No. FC-1364 will be held on **Monday**, **January 26, 2015**, **at 10:00 a.m. CST** in the Community Meeting Room, City Hall, 100 East 1st Street, Grand Island, Nebraska. Attendees to the hearing are asked to park in the parking lot east of City Hall.

Hearing Accommodations

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing in Docket No. FC-1364 will be held on **Monday**, **January 26**, **2015**, **at 10:00 a.m**. **CST** in the Community Meeting Room, City Hall, 100 East 1st Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29th day of December, 2014.

BY:

Gerald L. Vap
HEARING OFFICER

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APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	December 23, 2014	Parties exchange Preliminary Witness Lists
Tuesday	January 20, 2015	Final Witness and Exhibit Lists filed with Commission
Monday	January 26, 2015	Hearing, 10:00 a.m. CST, in the Community Meeting Room, City Hall, 100 East 1st Street, Grand Island, NE