

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Northwestern) Application No. NG-0048
Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern)
Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota,) ASSESSMENT ORDER
seeking approval of a natural gas) NO. GDS-001
general rate increase for Nebraska.)
) Entered: February 26, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated February 4, 2008, from GDS Associates, Inc. for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$310.50. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Consulting Service Agreement dated June 16, 2006, between the Commission and GDS Associates, Inc. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice from NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from NorthWestern of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice from GDS Associates, Inc. should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by NorthWestern.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made and that payment of the above-mentioned invoice be made upon receipt of payment by NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern).

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of February, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Gerald G. Vay

Anne Boyle
Chair

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ATTEST:

Tim Schram

Michael J. D.H.
Executive Director

//s// Anne C. Boyle
//s// Frank E. Landis