

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, seeking approval of a ) ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. HS-001  
natural gas general rate increase )  
for Nebraska. )  
Entered: August 1, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated July 2, 2007, from Harding & Shultz for costs associated in the above-captioned docket, totaling \$2,559.72. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, subsequently amended, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice for those services performed by HS on or after the Notice of Assessment date June 12, 2007, from NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840.

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Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from NorthWestern of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice from Harding & Shultz 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 amount be made upon receipt of payment by NorthWestern Energy.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of August, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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*Anna C. Boegle*  
*Tim Schram*

*James Sanders*  
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ATTEST:

*Les Pollock*

Executive Director

//s// Frank E. Landis