

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the NorthWestern) Application No. NG-0064
Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota,)
seeking to include certain)
personnel costs in a future gas) ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
cost adjustment.) LEAVE TO WITHDRAW
)
) Entered: October 26, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 5, 2010, NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota filed its 18th Revised Sheet No. 7.1 of NorthWestern's Gas Tariff which included its updated gas cost adjustment (GCA) effective for meter readings on and after November 2, 2010. NorthWestern stated that it intended to include in its April 2011 GCA the accumulated costs related to the salary and benefits for the employee needed under a new supplier agreement to manage gas supplies.

The Commission treated NorthWestern's filing as an application seeking approval of the Commission on the narrow question of whether the inclusion in the GCA of the salary and benefits of the employee needed to manage supplies under the new agreement until the next general rate filing is permissible. On October 13, 2010, the Commission set a hearing on the matter and provided Notice of Assessment.

On October 20, 2010, NorthWestern filed a Motion for Leave to Withdraw Application in Part (Motion). The Commission finds that the Motion should be granted and that the hearing scheduled for December 1, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. be cancelled. Furthermore, the Commission will issue no further order with respect to the petitions for formal intervention filed in this matter as they are moot.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that NorthWestern Energy's Motion for Leave to Withdraw Application in Part should be granted and the hearing scheduled for December 1, 2010 is cancelled.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of October, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

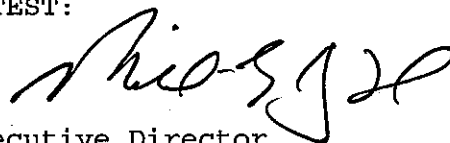
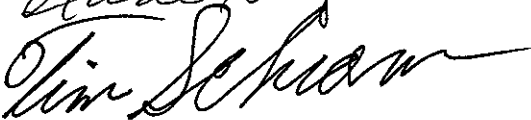
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chairman



ATTEST:



Executive Director

//s// Gerald L. Vap
//s// Frank E. Landis