SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of gas supply cost |) | Application No. NG-0071 |
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| adjustment schedules implemented by |) | |
| NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a |) | |
| NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, |) | ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. HS-001 |
| South Dakota, pursuant to Neb. Rev. |) | |
| Stat. sec. 66-1854. |) | |
| |) | Entered: September 18, 2013 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated September 4, 2012, from Harding & Shultz for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$242.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement dated November 15, 2008, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz (HS).

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice against NorthWestern Energy (North-Western), pursuant to $Neb.\ Rev.\ Stat.$ sec. 66-1840. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice pursuant to $Neb.\ Rev.\ Stat.$ sec. 66-1840.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

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.

ORDER

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 18th day of September, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank Landis

Executive Director