

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of gas supply cost) Application No. NG-0071
adjustment schedules implemented by)
NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a)
NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls,) ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. CA-003
South Dakota, pursuant to Neb. Rev.)
Stat. sec. 66-1854.)
Entered: June 26, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated June 20, 2012, from Christensen Associates Energy Consulting (Christensen) for cost associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$16,383.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement dated December 17, 2010, between the Commission and Christensen Associates Energy Consulting, LLC (Christensen).

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice against NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), 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.

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 Christensen Associates Energy Consulting, LLC should be approved.

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 26th day of June, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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ATTEST:

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//s// Rod Johnson
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Executive Director