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Leah Mohr
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Re: NG23-015 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

Dear Ms. Mohr:

The parties filed the attached stipulation in Docket NG 23-015. At the Commission meeting today, the Commissioners voted to close Docket NG 23-015. The stipulation provides that a new complaint docket will be opened, and the stipulation will be filed in the new docket.

The stipulation provides that Valley Queen's initial filing in Docket NG 23-015 will be treated as a complaint in the new docket and further proceedings will occur in the new docket. Please open a new complaint docket and file the attached stipulation in the new docket. Please let me know if you need anything else to open the new docket.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

WOODS, FULLER, SHULTZ & SMITH P.C.

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Attachment
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION dba NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH VALLEY QUEEN CHEESE FACTORY, INC.	: : : :	STIPULATION FOR SCHEDULING ORDER

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Through their counsel of record, the parties agree that the Commission may enter a procedural schedule for this matter as follows:

1. This docket, NG23-015, may be closed.

2. Valley Queen's initial filing in this docket will be treated as a complaint under the Commission's administrative rules and further proceedings on the complaint will occur in a new docket.

3. All discovery done in docket NG23-015 may be admissible in the new docket subject to applicable evidentiary objections.

4. Discovery responses on initial and responsive prefiled testimonies will be due 21 calendar days after service unless the requesting and responding parties agree to a different deadline. Discovery responses on rebuttal prefiled testimony will be due in 14 calendar days after service unless the requesting and responding parties agree to a different deadline.

5. Valley Queen's initial prefiled testimony will be due January 5, 2027. The deadline to ask discovery requests on Valley Queen's initial prefiled testimony is March 5, 2027.

6. NorthWestern Energy's responsive prefiled testimony will be due March 26, 2027. If Staff submits prefiled testimony, it will be due March 26, 2027. The deadline to ask

discovery requests on NorthWestern Energy's responsive prefiled testimony and Staff's prefiled testimony, if submitted, is April 2, 2027.

7. Valley Queen's rebuttal testimony will be due April 23, 2027. The deadline to ask discovery requests on Valley Queen's rebuttal prefiled testimony is April 30, 2027.

8. Exhibit and witness lists will be exchanged and filed May 14, 2027.

9. An evidentiary hearing will be held on May 19 – 20, 2027.

10. This stipulation will be filed in Docket NG23-015 and in the new docket.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2026.

WOODS, FULLER, SHULTZ & SMITH P.C.

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Dated this 21 day of October, 2026.

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Dated this 22nd day of October, 2026.

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