BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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.	))))))	**ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION TO REOPEN DOCKET** **NG23-015**

On August 18, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of a contract with deviations with Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. (Valley Queen). On September 26, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Approving Contract with Deviations and Approving Tariff Revisions.

On September 19, 2025, Valley Queen filed a Motion to Reopen the docket. In its Motion, Valley Queen requested the docket be reopened, the previous order vacated, and that the Commission direct Staff to work with the parties to develop a new agreement, as well as any other relief the Commission deems appropriate. The Parties have agreed to a procedural schedule for the Commission to consider the portion of the Motion requesting the docket be reopened.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 15-6 and 49-34A.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will hold a hearing on the Motion to Reopen the Docket on November 6, 2025, at the Commission's regularly scheduled commission meeting, as ordered below.

At the hearing, the Commission will consider whether to reopen Docket No. NG23-015 for the purpose of considering claims raised or relief requested by Valley Queen in its Motion. Should this portion of the Motion be granted, additional claims will be addressed at a later date.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing on the Motion to Reopen the Docket will be held on November 6, 2025, in conjunction with the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. CT, in Room 413 of the Capitol Building in Pierre, South Dakota. It is further

ORDERED, that responsive pleadings may be filed by the parties no later than 5:00 p.m. CT, October 23, 2025. It is further

ORDERED, that a reply to responsive pleadings may be filed by the parties no later than 5:00 p.m. CT, October 31, 2025.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of October 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: _____

Date: 8 Oct 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

GARY HANSON, Chairman

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner