

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the joint application) Application No. NG-0037
of NorthWestern Corporation, D/B/A)
NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South)
Dakota; Babcock & Brown Infrastructure)
Limited, BBI US Holdings Pty Ltd.,) ASSESSMENT ORDER
Sydney NSW 2000, Australia; BBI US) NO. HSD-004
Holdings II Corp. and BBI Glacier)
Corp., San Francisco, California, for)
approval of proposed change of control)
of NorthWestern Corporation.) Entered: October 31, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated October 2, 2006, from Harding, Shultz & Downs for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$3,054.97. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, between the Commission and Harding, Shultz & Downs. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice from NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), 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 Harding, Shultz & Downs should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by NorthWestern.

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 invoice be made upon receipt of payment by NorthWestern.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 31st day of October, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director