BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the joint application of NorthWestern Corporation, D/B/A NorthWestern Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Babcock & Brown Infrastructure Limited, BBI US Holdings Pty Ltd., Sydney NSW 2000, Australia; BBI US Holdings II Corp. and BBI Glacier Corp., San Francisco, California, for approval of proposed change of control of NorthWestern Corporation.	)	Application No. NG-0037 ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. HS-008 Entered: September 11, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated August 1, 2007, from Harding & Shultz for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling $46.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, subsequently amended, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz. 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 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 11th day of September, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director

//s// Rod Johnson
//s// Frank E. Landis

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