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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF Northwestern ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
Energy's Application for Approval of )  
Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1 ) DOCKET NO. D2016.5.39

**PETITION OF NEW COLONY WIND LLC**  
**FOR INTERVENTION**

New Colony Wind LLC hereby respectfully petitions the Montana Public Service Commission for general intervention in the above-captioned docket. In support of its petition, New Colony Wind states:

1. New Colony Wind LLC is a Montana limited liability company that is developing the New Colony Wind Project near Martinsdale, Wheatland County, Montana. The project was originally selected in Northwestern Energy's RFP for the Community Renewable Energy

Program (“CREP”), but controversy surrounding that RFP prevented the CREP Power Purchase Agreement from going into effect.

2. New Colony Wind is now negotiating a contract with Northwestern Energy under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (“PURPA”) and the Montana statutory analogue to PURPA. Under PURPA, New Colony is entitled to receive avoided cost rates from Northwestern Energy. New Colony therefore has a direct interest in this proceeding, which centers on Northwestern Energy’s avoided cost rate methodology.

3. In accordance with the Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued in this proceeding on May 13, 2016, New Colony Wind therefore requests general intervenor status and related rights of participation in this docket. At this time, New Colony Wind has not determined what level of involvement or participation it may elect and requests the right to participate as New Colony Wind deems appropriate.

4. New Colony Wind takes no specific position at this time on Northwestern Energy’s application and reserves its rights to take such positions and request such relief as may be appropriate as the docket moves forward. The participation of New Colony Wind will not unduly broaden or affect the orderly disposition of this proceeding.

5. New Colony Wind requests that notice of all matters relating to this proceeding and copies of orders, pre-filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, discovery, and other communications be served upon:

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Respectfully submitted on this 31st day of May, 2016.

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*On behalf of Intervenors New Colony Wind LLC*

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 31st day of May, 2016, in compliance with the Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline, I filed and served the foregoing Petition of New Colony Wind LLC for Intervention by:

- (1) Submitting the same electronically on the PSC's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login Registration" under the "Electronic Documents" tab)
  
- (2) Personally delivering the original Petition to:  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
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- (3) Personally delivering true and correct copies of the same to:  
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