

Service Date: August 18, 2003

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

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IN THE MATTER OF NORTHWESTERN ENERGY,	)	UTILITY DIVISION
Application for Approval of 2003 Avoided Cost	)	
Compliance Filing -- Schedules QFLT-1 and STPP-1	)	DOCKET NO. D2003.7.86
	)	ORDER NO. 6501

INTERIM ORDER

On June 30, 2003, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an annual application for approval of an avoided cost compliance filing adjusting NWE's tariff schedules QFLT-1 and STPP-1. NWE requests PSC approval of adjusted schedules QFLT-1 and STPP-1 on an interim basis pending PSC review and determination on a final basis. NWE argues the present avoided cost calculations are based on computations previously approved by the PSC and all interests are protected during the interim period as the rates are subject to adjustment to the effective date with interest. The PSC grants NWE's request for approval of the adjusted rate-elements of schedules QFLT-1 and STPP-1 on an interim basis pending further proceedings, including a final order.

Done and dated this 8th day of July, 2003, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice-Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.