

Service Date: February 17, 2005

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

IN THE MATTER of the Application of)	UTILITY DIVISION
NorthWestern Energy for Advanced)	
Approval of Certain Proposed Electricity)	DOCKET NO. D2005.2.14
Power Supply Purchase Agreements)	ORDER NO. 6633

PROTECTIVE ORDER

On February 9, 2005, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a motion for Protective Order in this docket. The Motion was filed pursuant to § 69-3-105(2), MCA, and ARM 38.2.5001 through 38.2.5030. The Motion requests protection for the following:

- (a) Exhibit A to the Judith Gap I Wind Project Power Purchase Agreement
- (b) Mr. Lewis' Exhibit SEL-5
- (c) Mr. Lewis' Exhibit SEL-7
- (d) Mr. Lewis' Exhibit SEL-9

NWE contends the information is trade secret or legally protected property interests under Montana law.

The Commission determines that NWE has met the requirements of ARM 38.2.5007, and has made a prima facie showing that the information described is confidential information pursuant to ARM 38.2.5001(1). NWE's Motion is granted. Information submitted in accordance with this Order will be treated as confidential information under the terms of this Order and Commission protective order rules, ARM 38.2.5001-5030.

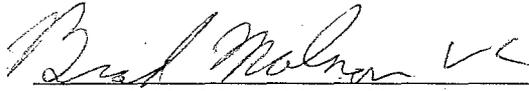
This Order may be challenged at any time pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. NWE is reminded that following the issuance of this Order it must comply with ARM 38.2.5016.

Done and dated this 15th day of February, 2005, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



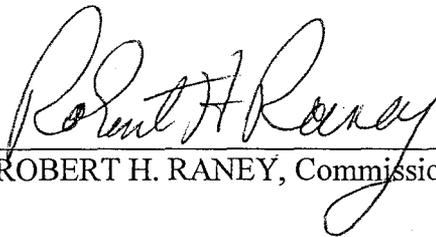
GREG JERGESON, Chairman



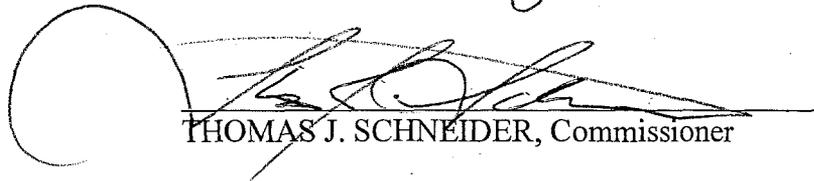
BRAD MOLNAR, Vice-Chairman



DOUG MOOD, Commissioner



ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner



THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: There is no reconsideration of the granting of a protective order. There is a procedure to challenge the provider's claim of confidentiality. See ARM 38.2.5008. Reconsideration of a denial of a protective order is available in accordance with ARM 38.2.4806.