

Service Date: December 24, 2009

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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's )  
Application for Electric Supply Deferred Cost )  
Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply )  
Cost ) DOCKET NO. D2008.5.45

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's )  
Application for Electric Supply Deferred Cost )  
Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply )  
Cost ) DOCKET NO. D2009.5.62

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – REVISED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Public Service Commission (PSC) will conduct a public hearing in the matter of NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost (2008) and in the matter of NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost (2009). The hearing will commence on Wednesday, **February 3, 2010**, at **9:30 a.m.**, in the Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, and continue from day to day as necessary. This Notice supersedes a previous Notice of Public Hearing for January 13, 2010.

The Montana Consumer Counsel and NorthWestern Energy have entered into a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned Dockets and have requested that the PSC approve the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement.

The PSC's jurisdiction over this matter is as provided by Title 69, MCA. The applicable law includes provisions of Title 69, MCA, and corresponding rules of the PSC. The hearing itself will be conducted as a contested case hearing pursuant to Title 2, Ch. 4, MCA (MAPA), and ARM Title 38, Ch. 2, PSC procedural rules. The hearing is for the purpose of receiving technical evidence (testimony and exhibits) with respect to the Dockets and the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement and public comment for consideration by the PSC. Testimony and

comments submitted at hearing are subject to cross-examination.

Any person may be represented by legal counsel at the hearing. The Montana Consumer Counsel, 616 Helena Avenue, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana, 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771, may be contacted to assist consumers and represent consumer interests in this proceeding.

Anyone needing an accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate in the hearing should contact the PSC at (406) 444-6199 at least one week before the date of the hearing. The PSC will make every effort to accommodate individual impairments.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GREG JERGESON, Chairman  
KEN TOOLE, Vice-Chairman  
GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner  
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