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RE: Docket D2008.5.45/D2009.5.62
NorthWestern Energy's Responses to PSC Set 2 (033)

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing are eleven copies of NorthWestern's responses to PSC Set 2 (033) Data Request. The data response attachments are being provided on CD's.

These responses are being delivered by courier service to the PSC and MCC office on this date and mailed by first class to the service list in this docket.

If you have any questions, please call Joe Schwartzberger at (406) 497-3362.

Sincerely,



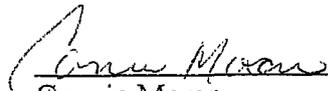
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Attachments
CC: Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of NorthWestern Energy's Data Responses to PSC Set 2 (033) in Docket D2008.5.45/D2009.5.62 has been served on the most recent attached service list by first class mail and delivered by courier service to the PSC and MCC office on this date and e-filed with the PSC.

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A. Service List D2008.5.45
D2009.5.62
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NorthWestern Energy
Docket D2008.5.45 and D2009.5.62
Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance
and
Projected Electric Supply Cost

Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)
Set 2 (033)

Data Requests received July 30, 2009

PSC-033

Regarding: Hourly Demand
Witness: Mark Donaldson

a. Please provide the information contained in NWE's FERC Form 714, Part III, Schedule 2, for the years ending December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008 in an electronic format.

b. Please provide the actual hourly demand for NWE's Balancing Area, in megawatts, for each hour beginning with the hour ending at 0100 January 1, 2009 and ending with the hour ending at 2400 June 30, 2009 in the same format as required by FERC Form 714, Part III, Schedule 2.

c. For purposes of parts c, d and e of this data request, Electricity Supply Demand means (1) for the period from January 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 demand attributable to NWE's default supply customers, and (2) for the period from October 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009 demand attributable to NWE's retail customers that are not purchasing electricity from another source. Please describe every load or type of load whose demand is included in NWE's Balancing Area actual hourly demand that is not part of Electricity Supply Demand.

d. Please provide the actual hourly demand for all load that is not Electricity Supply Demand for each hour beginning with the hour ending 0100 January 1, 2007 and ending with the hour ending 2400 June 30, 2009 in the same format as required by FERC Form 714, Part III, Schedule 2.

e. Please provide the actual hourly Electricity Supply Demand for each hour beginning with the hour ending 0100 January 1, 2007 and ending with the hour ending 2400 June 30, 2009 in the same format as required by FERC Form 714, Part III, Schedule 2.

RESPONSE:

a. See attached CD - PSC-033a.xls.

b. See attached CD - PSC-033b.xls.

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- c. The loads or types of loads whose demand is included in NWE's Balancing Area actual hourly demand that is not part of Electricity Supply Demand are:
1. Retail Choice –
 - a) Large industrial loads.
 - b) A small number of general service and residential accounts (Electric City Power and Town of Philipsburg).
 2. Wholesale Network –
 - a) Electric Cooperatives – Southern Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Coop (made up of various cooperatives located in central and eastern Montana), Central Montana Electric Power Coop (made up of various cooperatives located in central Montana), Glacier Electric Coop, Missoula Electric Coop, Northern Lights Electric Coop, Ravalli Electric Coop, Vigilante Electric Coop
 - b) Western Area Power Administration loads.
 3. Entities with Load in the NWE Balancing Area, but not using the NWE Transmission System –
 - a) Idaho Power Company loads (moved out of the NWE Balancing Area April 15, 2009; hourly data is only available for the time period included in response to part d).
 - b) Western Area Power Administration loads (hourly data is not available).
- d. See attached CD - PSC-033d&e.xls, Tabs Retail Choice, Wholesale Network, and IPCO Salmon.
- e. See Attached CD - PSC-033d&e.xls, Tab NWE Electric Supply. It should be noted that a small portion of the Electric Supply load is located in the Western Area Power Administration Balancing Area located on the Hiline (north of Great Falls and east of Shelby).