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RE: Docket No. 2008.5.45 and D2009.5.62
Electric Supply Trackers
Update to PSC-026c

Dear Ms. Whitney

Enclosed for filing are eleven copies of NorthWestern Energy's updated response to PSC-026c with CD. This updated response will be efiled at the PSC website today. The updated response with CD will be mailed to the service list in this Docket this date.

Should you have questions please contact Joe Schwartzenberger at 406 497-3362.

Sincerely,



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NC/nc
CC: Service List
Attachment - CD

**A. Service List D2008.5.45
D2009.5.62 combined
Electric Trackers**

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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 1 (001-032)

Data Requests Service Date July 27, 2009

PSC-026

Regarding: Market prices, Judith Gap production
Witness: Fine

- a. Please provide the hourly, Dow Jones Mid-C index market prices for the 08-09 tracker period in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.
- b. Please provide the hourly Judith Gap output for the 08-09 tracker period in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and in the same format used for hourly Mid-C market prices provided in response to part a.
- c. Please provide the hourly day-ahead Judith Gap prescheduled output for the 08-09 tracker period in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and in the same format used for hourly Mid-C market prices provided in response to part a.
- d. Please provide the actual monthly Operations and Maintenance Energy Rate associated with the Judith Gap power purchase agreement for the 08-09 tracker period.
- e. Please provide the hourly difference between the day-ahead prescheduled Judith Gap output and the real-time scheduled Judith Gap output for the 08-09 tracker period, and in the same format used for Mid-C market prices provide in response to part a.

RESPONSE:

- a. See the Excel spreadsheet on the attached to the CD. The information provided in this response is copyright protected material and one copy has been provided to each the Montana Public Service Commission and the Montana Consumer Counsel. This information is being provided in connection with regulatory requirements, proceedings, and compliance activities before the Montana Public Service Commission. Parties that receive this copyright protected information pursuant to this Docket shall not otherwise redistribute, sell, publish or disclose the information provided in this response in whole or in part to any other persons or parties.
- b. See attached CD.
- c. See CD attached to part (b).

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- d. The O&M Energy Rate for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 is: July 2008 through February 2009 \$9.242 per megawatt-hour and March 1, 2009 through June 2009 \$9.443 per megawatt-hour.
- e. Due to time constraints in responding to this request, and the voluminous data involved the requested calculation has not been performed. The data to perform the calculation is included in the CD attached to part (b).

UPDATED RESPONSE: (August 14, 2009)

- c. The attached CD includes a full year of daily excel files with some containing multiple days to match NERC Holiday pre-scheduling. Some of these files were inadvertently left off of the original response.