

Service Date: June 8, 2009

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

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

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE**

On June 3, 2009, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) submitted its Electric Supply Tracker filing. In the filing, NWE requests that electric rates be changed 1) to reflect amortization of an over-collection of \$22,122,188 in the Electric Supply Deferred Costs account for the 12 months ending June 30, 2009; and 2) to reflect projected load, supply and related electric costs for the 12-month tracker period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. NWE has requested that the Public Service Commission (PSC) grant an interim rate adjustment effective July 1, 2009.

The PSC may act on NWE's request for an interim rate adjustment prior to the deadline for filing a Petition to Intervene.

NWE projects a decrease of \$2.35 per month (\$28.20 per year) in supply related costs for a typical residential customer using 750 kWh per month, or an decrease of 5.76%. NWE projects an overall decrease of \$3.36 per month (\$40.32. per year) on the total bill of a customer using 750 kwh per month. NWE projects that the overall decrease consists of decreases in supply-related costs, and CTC-QF charges, and a decrease due to an increase in the BPA Residential Exchange Credit.

A copy of NWE's filing is available for inspection at the business offices of NWE, 40 East Broadway Street, Butte, Montana 59701, the PSC, and the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC). The MCC, 616 Helena Avenue, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771, is available and may be contacted to assist and represent the interests of the consuming public in this matter.

Any interested person who is directly affected by NWE's filing before the PSC and who wants to be a party to the docket must file a Petition to Intervene with the PSC, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601, no later than July 2, 2009. Any Petition to Intervene must be electronically submitted (e-filed) on the PSC's website at <http://psc.mt.gov/eDocsLogin.asp>. The filing party must also deliver or mail the original Petition to Intervene in paper format to the PSC by the filing deadline. The PSC will upload E-filed documents to the PSC's website after the paper original has been officially received at the PSC office. One copy must be served on NWE and the MCC (addresses above).

Any interested person who does not prefer to formally participate in the matter as an intervenor, may submit written public comments on the matter to the PSC at the above address. Public comments may also be submitted to the PSC through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov>, (go to 'Contact Us,' 'Comment on Proceedings Online,' then complete the form and submit). The PSC will consider all public comments regarding the application, written or electronic, received before it issues a final order in this matter.

The PSC's jurisdiction over this matter is provided at Title 69, MCA. The substantive and procedural law applicable is Title 69, MCA, especially Chapters 3 and 8, ARM Title 38, Ch. 5 (utilities), Title 2, Ch. 4, MCA (MAPA), ARM Title 38, Ch. 2 (PSC procedural rules), and any prior orders of the PSC which may bear on the issues presented.

The PSC initially notices proceedings through use of general service lists. Interested persons not intervening, but wishing to remain on the service list to receive notices and orders, must notify the PSC in writing by the date fixed for intervention. Failure to submit notification will result in removal from the service list in this docket.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GREG JERGSON, Chairman  
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