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Dear Ms. Whitney:

Re: Tariff Letter No. 155-G

This letter is pursuant to Montana Public Service Commission (MPSC or Commission) Interim Order No. 7004 issued on June 23, 2009, of NorthWestern Energy's (NorthWestern) annual application to implement rates related to its unreflected gas cost, projected gas cost, and gas transportation adjustment clause balance. Enclosed for filing are three copies of the revised Natural Gas Rate schedules.

These rates will become effective for service on and after July 1, 2009. Below are the Natural Gas tariff sheets being filed for Commission certification.

<u>NWE Sheet Number</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling NWE Sheet Number</u>
105 th Revised 1.1	Table of Contents	104 th Revised 1.1
74 th Revised 1.2	Table of Contents	73 rd Revised 1.2
83 rd Revised 10.1	Residential Natural Gas Services	82 nd Revised 10.1
18 th Revised 11.1	Residential Gas Core Aggregation	17 th Revised 11.1
79 th Revised 20.1;	General Natural Gas Service	78 th Revised 20.1;
16 th Revised 21.1;	General Service Gas Core Aggregation	15 th Revised 21.1;
16 th Revised 25.1	Firm Transportation Gas Service - DBU	15 th Revised 25.1

<u>NWE Sheet Number</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling NWE Sheet Number</u>
79 th Revised 30.1	Firm Utility Gas Contract Service - TBU	78 th Revised 30.1
16 th Revised 80.1	Firm Transportation Gas Service - TBU	15 th Revised 80.1
16 th Revised 85.1	Interruptible Trans. Gas Service - TBU	15 th Revised 85.1
16 th Revised 90.1	Firm Storage Natural Gas Service - TBU	15 th Revised 90.1

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If there are any questions, please call me at (406) 497-3362.

Sincerely,



Joe Schwartzenberger
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures



NATURAL GAS TARIFF

Canceling 105th Revised Sheet No. 1.1
104th Revised Sheet No. 1.1

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The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates, rules and regulations affecting rates, service and information relating thereto in effect on and after the date indicated thereon.

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Canceling 83rd Revised Sheet No. 10.1
82nd Revised Sheet No. 10.1

Schedule No. D-RG-1

DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS UNIT
RESIDENTIAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to residential service, including single family dwellings and single family living units which are individually metered, in all territory served by the Utility Distribution Business Unit (Utility).

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:
 Monthly Service Charge per Meter: \$ 6.75

PLUS:

Commodity Charges (Monthly \$/Dkt)	All Dekatherms @	
Distribution Charge	\$ 1.839552	
Transmission Charge	1.089308	
Storage Charge	0.331528	
Gas Supply Charge	5.756200	(I)
Deferred Gas Cost Amortization	0.000000	(I)
DBU GTAC Amortization	0.000525	(R)
TBU GTAC Amortization	(0.003166)	(R)
Storage GTAC Amortization	<u>(0.004623)</u>	(R)
Total Rate	\$ 9.009324	

PLUS: OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES: All charges contained on other applicable rate schedules approved by the Public Service Commission of Montana.

LOW INCOME DISCOUNT: Customers of the Utility shall obtain a thirty percent (30%) discount during November 1st to April 30th from the above Regular Customer Rate(s) for residential usage, if they have satisfied the requirements for and are receiving energy assistance through the LIEAP program administered by the State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

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Canceling 18th Revised Sheet No. 11.1
17th Revised Sheet No. 11.1

Schedule No. D-RGCA-1

DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS UNIT
RESIDENTIAL GAS CORE AGGREGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to residential service, including single family dwellings and single family living units which are individually metered, being served under the Core Aggregation Gas Transportation Program (Program) in all territory served by the Utility Distribution Business Unit (Utility).

AVAILABILITY: Available to residential service customer loads, aggregated in accordance with Rate Schedule No. AGCT-1 and as is administratively feasible for the Utility.

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:
 Monthly Service Charge per Meter: \$ 6.75

PLUS:

Commodity Charges (Monthly \$/Dkt)	All Dekatherms @	
Distribution Charge	\$ 1.839552	
Transmission Charge	1.089308	
Storage Charge	0.331528	
Deferred Gas Cost Amortization	0.000000	
DBU GTAC Amortization	0.000525	(R)
TBU GTAC Amortization	(0.003166)	(R)
Storage GTAC Amortization	<u>(0.004623)</u>	(R)
Total Rate	\$ 3.253124	

PLUS: OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES: All charges contained on other applicable rate schedules approved by the Public Service Commission of Montana.

LOW INCOME DISCOUNT: Customers of the Utility who obtained a fifteen percent (15%) discount under Rate Schedule No. D-RG-1 shall obtain a twenty-three percent (23%) discount from the above rates for residential usage, if they have satisfied the requirements for and are receiving energy assistance through the LIEAP program administered by the State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

DEFERRED GAS COST: Pursuant to MPSC Order the above Deferred Gas Cost Amortization shall be in effect until the balance is extinguished.

GAS TRANSPORTATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE: Pursuant to MPSC Order the above GTAC Amortization shall be in effect until the balance is extinguished.

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Canceling 79th Revised
78th Revised

Sheet No. 20.1
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Schedule No. D-GSG-1

DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS UNIT
GENERAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to commercial, industrial, multiple apartment buildings containing two or more dwelling units served through one meter, and other nonresidential core service in all territory served by the Utility Distribution Business Unit (Utility).

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:

Monthly Service Charge per Meter:

<u>Meters Rated @</u>			<u>Per Meter</u>
<u>Cu. Ft. per hour</u>			<u>Charge</u>
0	to	300	\$ 16.95
301	to	1,000	\$ 22.35
1,001	to	2,000	\$ 36.05
2,001	to	5,000	\$ 60.55
5,001	to	10,000	\$ 74.35
10,001	to	30,000	\$ 117.60
>30,000			\$ 142.90

PLUS:

<u>Commodity Charges (Monthly \$/Dkt)</u>	<u>All Dekatherms @</u>	
Distribution Charge	\$ 1.818025	
Transmission Charge	1.088231	
Storage Charge	0.330452	
Gas Supply Charge	5.756200	(I)
Deferred Gas Cost Amortization	0.000000	(I)
DBU GTAC Amortization	0.000535	(R)
TBU GTAC Amortization	(0.003229)	(R)
Storage GTAC Amortization	(0.004623)	(R)
Total Rate	\$ 8.985591	

PLUS:

OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES: All charges contained on other applicable rate schedules approved by the Public Service Commission of Montana.

DEFERRED GAS COST: Pursuant to MPSC Order the above Deferred Gas Cost Amortization shall be in effect until the balance is extinguished.

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Canceling 16th Revised Sheet No. 21.1
15th Revised Sheet No. 21.1

Schedule No. D-GSGCA-1

DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS UNIT
GENERAL SERVICE GAS CORE AGGREGATION

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to commercial, industrial, multiple apartment buildings containing two or more dwelling units served through one meter, and other nonresidential core service, being served under the Core Aggregation Gas Transportation Program (Program) in all territory served by the Utility Distribution Business Unit (Utility).

AVAILABILITY: Available to general service customer loads, aggregated in accordance with Rate Schedule No. AGCT-1 and as is administratively feasible for the Utility.

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:

Monthly Service Charge per Meter:

Meters Rated @ Cu. Ft. per hour	Per Meter Charge
0 to 300	\$ 16.95
301 to 1,000	\$ 22.35
1,001 to 2,000	\$ 36.05
2,001 to 5,000	\$ 60.55
5,001 to 10,000	\$ 74.35
10,001 to 30,000	\$ 117.60
>30,000	\$ 142.90

PLUS:

Commodity Charges (Monthly \$/Dkt)	<u>All Dekatherms @</u>	
Distribution Charge	\$ 1.818025	
Transmission Charge	1.088231	
Storage Charge	0.330452	
Deferred Gas Cost Amortization	0.000000	
DBU GTAC Amortization	0.000535	(R)
TBU GTAC Amortization	(0.003229)	(R)
Storage GTAC Amortization	<u>(0.004623)</u>	(R)
Total Rate	\$ 3.229391	

PLUS:

OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES: All charges contained on other applicable rate schedules approved by the Public Service Commission of Montana.

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Canceling 16th Revised Sheet No. 25.1
15th Revised Sheet No. 25.1

Schedule No. D-FTG-1

DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS UNIT
FIRM TRANSPORTATION NATURAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to Shippers for firm transportation service on the Utility Distribution System under the terms of a Gas Transportation Service Agreement (Agreement) between the Utility Distribution Business Unit (Utility) and Shipper and as subject to Rate Schedule General Terms and Operating Conditions (Rate Schedule GTC-1).

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:

Monthly Service Charge per Meter:

Meters Rated @ Cu. Ft. per hour	Per Meter Charge
2,000 to 5,000	\$ 103.05
5,000 to 10,000	\$ 117.75
10,001 to 30,000	\$ 161.90
>30,000	\$ 187.95

PLUS:

Distribution Charge: (\$/MDDQ)	<u>Maximum</u>	
Monthly Reservation Rate for Maximum Daily Delivery Quantity (MDDQ)	\$ 6.518627	
GTAC Amortization (MDDQ)	\$ 0.004000	(R)

MINIMUM BILL: Per respective contracts.

PAYMENT: Billed amounts shall be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate Schedule No. SGS-1.

APPLICATION OF RATES:

Monthly Bill Components: Each month, Shipper's bill shall consist of a Monthly Service Charge and a Reservation Charge.

1. Monthly Service Charge: The Monthly Service Charge shall be the product of the number of delivery meters at Shipper's facility times the applicable Meter Charge(s) set forth above under RATES. If Shipper receives service under more than one rate schedule through a single meter, only one Service Charge per meter per month shall apply.

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Canceling 79th Revised
78th Revised

Sheet No. 30.1
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Schedule No. T-FUGC-1

TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS UNIT
FIRM UTILITY GAS CONTRACT SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to natural gas utilities receiving service as of November 1, 1991 for Firm Utility Gas Contract Sales Service provided under terms and conditions of contracts with the Utility Transportation Business Unit (Utility) as approved by the Montana Public Service Commission.

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:

Monthly Service Charge per Meter:

<u>Meters Rated @</u> <u>Cu. Ft. per hour</u>	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Charge</u>
10,001 to 30,000	\$ 107.60
>30,000	\$ 277.40

PLUS:

Transmission Charges:

Maximum Monthly Reservation Rate for
Maximum Daily Delivery Quantity (MDDQ) \$ 5.237721/MDDQ

Transmission Commodity Rate \$ 0.062431/Dkt

GTAC Amortization \$ (0.003987)/Dkt (R)

PLUS:

Storage Charges:

Maximum Monthly Reservation Rate for
Maximum Storage (MDDQ) \$ 4.165635/MDDQ

Storage Commodity Rate \$ 0.015069/Dkt

Storage GTAC Amortization \$ (0.066162)/MDDQ (R)

PLUS:

Gas Supply Charges:

Gas Supply Charge \$ 5.756200/Dkt (I)

Deferred Gas Cost Amortization \$ 0.000000/Dkt (I)

PLUS:

OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES: All charges contained on other applicable rate schedules approved by the Public Service Commission of Montana.

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Canceling 16th Revised Sheet No. 80.1
15th Revised Sheet No. 80.1

Schedule No. T-FTG-1

TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS UNIT
FIRM TRANSPORTATION NATURAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to Shippers for firm transportation service on the Utility Transmission System under the terms of a Firm Gas Transportation Service Agreement (Agreement) between the Utility Transportation Business Unit (Utility) and Shipper and as subject to Rate Schedule General Terms and Operating Conditions (Rate Schedule GTC-1).

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:

Monthly Service Charge per Meter:

Meters Rated @ Cu. Ft. per hour	Per Meter Charge
5,001 to 10,000	\$ 100.75
10,001 to 30,000	\$ 144.90
>30,000	\$ 321.50

PLUS:

Transmission Reservation Rate (Monthly Rate per MDDQ):

Maximum Monthly Reservation Rate for
 Maximum Daily Delivery Quantity (MDDQ) \$ 8.238700

Transmission Commodity Rate (Monthly Rate per Dkt):

Maximum	\$ 0.062431
Minimum	\$ 0.017935
GTAC Amortization	\$ (0.001275) (R)
Balancing Penalty Rate	Higher of \$25.00 / Dkt. Or 150% of Market Price

PLUS:

OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES: All charges contained on other applicable rate schedules approved by the Public Service Commission of Montana.

GAS TRANSPORTATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE: Pursuant to MPSC Order the above GTAC Amortization shall be in effect until the balance is extinguished.

MINIMUM BILL: Per respective contracts.

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Canceling 16th Revised Sheet No. 85.1
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Schedule No. T-ITG-1

TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS UNIT
INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION NATURAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to Shippers for interruptible transportation service on the Utility Transmission System under the terms of an Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement (Agreement) between the Utility Transportation Business Unit (Utility) and Shipper and as subject to Rate Schedule General Terms and Operating Conditions (Rate Schedule GTC-1).

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:

Monthly Service Charge per Meter:

Meters Rated @ Cu. Ft. per hour	Per Meter Charge
5,001 to 10,000	\$ 100.75
10,001 to 30,000	\$ 144.90
>30,000	\$ 321.50

PLUS:

Transmission Charge: (Monthly Rate per Dkt):	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	
Transmission Commodity Rate	\$ 0.331988	\$ 0.017935	(R)
Balancing Penalty Rate	Higher of \$25.00/Dkt. or 150% of Market Price.		
Unauthorized System Use Rate	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	

MINIMUM BILL: Per respective contracts.

PLUS:

OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES: All charges contained on other applicable rate schedules approved by the Public Service Commission of Montana.

PAYMENT: Billed amounts shall be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate Schedule No. SGS-1.

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Canceling 16th Revised Sheet No. 90.1
15th Revised Sheet No. 90.1

Schedule No. T-FSG-1

TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS UNIT
FIRM STORAGE NATURAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to Shippers for Firm Storage Service under the terms of a Firm Gas Storage Service Agreement (Agreement) between the Utility Transportation Business Unit (Utility) and the Shipper and as subject to Rate Schedule General Terms and Operating Conditions (Rate Schedule GTC-1).

RATES: Net Monthly Bill:

Monthly Rate:

Withdrawal Reservation Rate:	\$ 4.165635 /MDDQ	
Injection Commodity Rate:	\$ 0.021529 /Dkt	
Withdrawal Commodity Rate:	\$ 0.021529 /Dkt	
Storage Capacity Rate:	\$ 0.020451 /Dkt	
GTAC Amortization	\$ (0.066203) /MDDQ	(R)

APPLICATION OF RATES:

Monthly Bill Components: Each month, Shipper's bill shall include a Withdrawal Reservation Charge and, if applicable, an Injection Commodity Charge for the quantities of natural gas nominated by Shipper and received by Utility for injection into storage, a Withdrawal Commodity Charge for the quantities of natural gas nominated by Shipper and delivered by Utility from storage for Shipper's account and a Storage Capacity Charge.

1. Withdrawal Reservation Charge: The Monthly Withdrawal Reservation Charge shall be the product of the Shipper's Storage Maximum Daily Delivery Quantity (MDDQ) as set forth in the Agreement times the applicable rate set forth above.
2. Injection Commodity Charge: The Monthly Injection Commodity Charge shall be the product of the Shipper's nominated quantities of natural gas received by the Utility for injection into storage times the applicable rate set forth above.
3. Withdrawal Commodity Charge: The Monthly Withdrawal Commodity Charge shall be the produce of the Shipper's nominated quantities of natural gas delivered by the Utility from storage times the applicable rate set forth above.
4. Storage Capacity Charge: The Monthly Storage Capacity Charge shall be the product of the Shipper's storage balance at the end of the month times the applicable rate set forth above.
5. Discounting Rates: The Utility shall have the ability to discount the Monthly Withdrawal Reservation Rate set forth above if the Shipper can demonstrate that, as a direct result of the

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