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RE: Docket D2009.5.63 Natural Gas Tracker  
MCC Set 1 (001-024) Updated Responses Provided Under Protective Order 7004b

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing is one copy of NorthWestern Energy's updated responses to MCC Set 1 data requests MCC 07, MCC 08a, MCC 018b and MCC 023b, which are being provided under Protective Order 7004b. Hard copies have been mailed to the PSC and all parties who have signed Exhibit A to the Protective Order.

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

Sincerely,



Connie Moran  
Regulatory Affairs

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Attachments  
CC: Service List

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of NorthWestern Energy's Updated Data Responses to MCC Set 1 (01-024) Data Requests in Docket No. D2009.5.63 will be e-filed with the PSC. They are also being e-mailed and served upon the following persons by, postage prepaid via first class mail, as follows:

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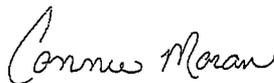
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DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010.

  
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**NorthWestern Energy  
Docket D2009.5.63  
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**Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)  
Set 1 (001-024)**

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MCC-07                      RE:    Gas Supply Contracts  
                                    Witness: J.M. Smith

Please provide copies of the gas purchase contracts for each of NWE's eight largest gas supply sources, based on actual quantities purchased during the period July 2008 - June 2009

**RESPONSE:**

NWE has filed a motion for protective order regarding this information. Upon issuance of a protective order, this information will be provided to those parties who properly execute and non-disclosure agreement.

**UPDATED RESPONSE:** August 11, 2010

The attached CD is being provided under the terms of the Protective Order No. 7004b in this docket to the PSC and parties who have signed a non-disclosure agreement.

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**Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)  
Set 1 (001-024)**

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MCC-08                      RE:    Fixed Price Hedges  
                                    Witness: J.M. Smith

For each fixed-for-float/swaps or similar transaction or contract entered into or in effect at any time on or after July 2008, please provide the following:

- a. Copies of each contract and any related contract documents.
- b. Copies of all documents relating in any way to the reason(s) why NWE entered into the subject transaction.
- c. Copies of all documents containing estimates or calculations of the expected impact of the subject transaction on NWE's total and/or average cost of purchased gas.
- d. Copies of all documents relating to the reason(s) for each transaction.

**RESPONSE:**

- a. NWE has filed a motion for protective order regarding this information. Upon issuance of a protective order, this information will be provided to those parties who properly execute and non-disclosure agreement.
- b. Please see response to MCC-02 and MCC-03.
- c. Please see the exhibits attached to NWE's Response to the Comments of the Montana Consumer Counsel in Docket No. N2009.12.138.
- d. Please see the response to MCC-02 and MCC-03.

**UPDATED RESPONSE: August 11, 2010**

- a. The attached is being provided under the terms of the Protective Order No. 7004b in this docket to the PSC and parties who have signed a non-disclosure agreement.

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MCC-18                      RE:    Storage Optimization  
                                    Witness: J.M. Smith

With respect to the testimony at JMS-6, Line 18, through JMS-7, Line – 17, please provide:

- a. Copies of all documents prepared by or for NWE relating in any way to the referenced transaction(s).
- b. Copies of all contracts relating to the referenced transaction(s).

RESPONSE:

- a. Please see the attached spreadsheets.
- b. NWE has filed a motion for protective order regarding this information. Upon issuance of a protective order, this information will be provided to those parties who properly execute and non-disclosure agreement.

UPDATED RESPONSE: August 11, 2010

- b. The attached is being provided under the terms of the Protective Order No. 7004b in this docket to the PSC and parties who have signed a non-disclosure agreement.

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MCC-23 RE: Hard Target Transactions  
Witness: J.M. Smith

With respect to JMS-9, Line 20, through JMS-10, Line 6:

- a. Please define and describe the term "fixed price physical swap."
- b. Please provide copies of all contracts relating to the transactions shown there.
- c. Please provide copies of workpapers showing how the "3.5 Bcf of supply" and "average price of \$3.16/Dkt" amounts referred to in the referenced testimony were developed.

RESPONSE:

- a. A "fixed price physical swap" is a transaction where the buyer wants to buy a fixed price supply and simultaneously sell the same volume at the same location for an index price. This fixes the buyer's price on an index purchase that is made at another location.
- b. NWE has filed a motion for protective order regarding this information. Upon issuance of a protective order, this information will be provided to those parties who properly execute and non-disclosure agreement.
- c. Please see the attached work paper.

UPDATED RESPONSE: August 11, 2010

- b. The attached is being provided under the terms of the Protective Order No. 7004b in this docket to the PSC and parties who have signed a non-disclosure agreement.