

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

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IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's) REGULATORY DIVISION
Application for Approval of Electric Supply)
Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected) DOCKET NO. D2010.5.50
Electric Supply Cost

**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF
THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 7093a and the Notice of Staff Action dated January 6, 2011 in this proceeding, the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) files its prehearing memorandum.

I. OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

The general issues in this proceeding are 1) whether the electric supply cost recovery proposed by NorthWestern Energy for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2010, is reasonable, and 2) whether estimated electricity supply costs for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2011, are reasonable.

II. WITNESSES.

MCC will call Dr. John W. Wilson as its witness.

III. EXHIBITS.

MCC intends to offer the prefiled Direct Testimony of Dr. Wilson. MCC reserves the right to offer other exhibits that may become necessary during the course of the hearing.

MCC anticipates requests to include all data responses in the administrative record of this proceeding and agrees with such incorporation.

IV. SPECIAL SCHEDULING NEEDS.

MCC has no special scheduling requests.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of January, 2011.

Robert A. Nelson
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