

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)

MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL POST-HEARING PROVIDE

HEARING PROVIDE REQUEST: Explain how the Judith Gap costs (\$/Mwh) shown in Exhibit___(JW-1) were calculated. For example, explain the \$40.03 shown for tracker year 2009-2010.

RESPONSE: All Judith Gap costs shown in Exhibit___(JW-1) were calculated as the sum of "Judith Gap Energy", "Wind Ancillary" and "Wind Other" costs divided by Judith Gap Mwh, all as shown in Mr. Bennett's exhibits. For example, the 2009/2010 tracker year Judith Gap cost of \$40.03/Mwh was calculated as the sum of lines 82, 83, and 84 in Ex_(FVB-2_Rev)_09-10¹, page 4 of 6, divided by the sum of lines 30, 31 and 32 in the same exhibit, page 3 of 6.

$$(12,531,923 + 3,097,606 + 1,650,201)/(428,583 + 0 + 3,110) = 40.0278$$

All other Judith Gap cost amounts in Exhibit___(JW-1) are calculated the same way.

¹ Updated exhibits provided in Data Response PSC-001a.