

Service Date: December 15, 2010

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

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Public Service Commission (PSC) will conduct a public hearing in the Matter of NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost. The hearing will commence on **Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.** in the **Bollinger Room**, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, and continue from day to day as necessary

The PSC has jurisdiction over this matter as provided by Title 69, MCA. The applicable law includes provisions of Title 69, MCA, and the corresponding administrative rules of the PSC. The hearing itself will be conducted as a contested case hearing pursuant to Title 2, Ch. 4, MCA (MAPA), and ARM Title 38, Ch. 2, PSC procedural rules. The hearing is for the purpose of receiving technical evidence (testimony and exhibits) with respect to the Docket and public comment for consideration by the PSC. Testimony and comments submitted at the hearing are subject to cross-examination.

Any person may be represented by legal counsel at the hearing. The Montana Consumer Counsel, 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771, may be contacted to assist consumers and represent consumer interests in this proceeding.

Anyone needing an accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate in the hearing should contact the PSC at (406) 444-6199 at least one week before the date of the hearing. The PSC will make every effort to accommodate individual impairments.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GREG JERGSON, Chairman  
KEN TOOLE, Vice-Chairman  
GAIL GUTSCHE, Commissioner  
BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner  
JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner