

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 Unreflected Gas)
Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost; and) DOCKET NO. D2011.5.36
Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause Balance)

**PETITION FOR LATE GENERAL INTERVENTION
OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL**

On July 1, 2011, the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline in this docket. The Notice set the deadline for intervention for July 29, 2011. The Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) missed that deadline through an oversight, and now petitions the Commission for late general intervention in order to represent the interests of the rate paying public. Granting late general intervention will not delay or burden the proceeding

MCC does not desire to broaden the issues in the original proceeding. MCC cannot take a position on the issues or state the relief requested until it completes discovery. See 38.2.2403(1), Administrative Rules of Montana.

Respectfully submitted August 1, 2011.



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