

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)
Application for Approval of Unreflected Gas)
Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost;)
And Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause)
Balance)

REGULATORY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. D2011.5.36

DATA REQUESTS OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL

MCC-1 RE: Exhibit JMS-1
Witness: John Smith

Please explain why on line 14 page 2 of Exhibit JMS-1 *Battle Creek Revenue Adjustments* are shown for the months of November and December of 2010 while there are no production volumes listed for those same months on line 38 page 1 of the same exhibit.

MCC-2 RE: Green Blocks Program
Witness: William Thomas

On page 12 of your testimony you state that Navigant found the 2008 Missoula Green Blocks program was not cost effective. Will NWE suspend the Green Blocks Program if the second round in Missoula and/or the pilot program in Helena also prove to not be cost effective? If not, please explain.

MCC-3 RE: Exhibits
Witness: John Smith

Please provide a copy of all exhibits, schedules, and supporting work papers included in your pre-filed direct testimony in electronic format with all links and formulas intact.

MCC-4 RE: Exhibits
Witness: Glen Phelps

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MCC-5 RE: Battle Creek Production
Witness: John Smith

Please provide a listing of the total actual monthly production during July 2010 – June 2011, in Mcf and in Dkt, of Battle Creek production attributable to:

- a. NWE's total working interest quantities in the Battle Creek properties that were purchased in 2010.
- b. The royalty interest quantities associated with NWE's total working interest quantities in the Battle Creek properties that were purchased in 2010.

MCC-6 RE: Battle Creek Purchases
Witness: John Smith

Please provide a listing of the monthly Dkt, monthly costs, and monthly average cost per Dkt, for gas purchased from others in the Battle Creek field.

MCC-7 RE: Battle Creek Cost of Service
Witness: John Smith

Please assume that the Battle Creek cost of service that is approved by the Commission in the Battle Creek revenue requirement case referred to at JMS-7, lines 7 – 17, is less than what has been recovered using the “bridging concept” referred to in that same testimony. Would NWE then refund the difference between the approved cost of service and the revenues collected? If not, please explain why not.

MCC-8 RE: Battle Creek Unit Cost
Witness: John Smith

Please explain the basis for and show the details of the calculations, with supporting workpapers, of the Battle Creek unit cost figures that appear at JMS-7, lines 19 – 24.

MCC-9 RE: Exhibit __ JMS-4 Interest Rates
Witness: John Smith

Please explain the basis for and show how each of the following interest rates at page 3 of Exhibit __ JMS-4 were calculated:

- a. Working Gas @ 11.12%.
- b. Deferred Account @ 7.92%.
- c. Interim Interest @ 10.75%.

MCC-10 RE: Gas Supply Price Hedges
Witness: John Smith

Please provide copies of new gas supply price hedging contracts, if any, entered into from July 1, 2010, through the present.