

Service Date: September 7, 2011

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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's	)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Application for Approval of Unreflected Gas	)	
Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost,	)	DOCKET NO. D2011.5.36
and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause	)	
Balance	)	

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION**

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 and petitioned the Commission on August 1, 2011, for late general intervention in order to represent the interests of the rate paying public. The MCC argued that granting late general intervention will not delay or burden the proceeding. The MCC does not desire to broaden the issues in the original proceeding. Therefore, the Commission grants the MCC's Motion for Late Intervention.

Done and dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2011.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Chairman  
GAIL GUTSCHE, Vice Chair  
W. A. (BILL) GALLAGHER, Commissioner  
BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner  
JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner