

Service Date: July 20, 2011

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. D2011.5.38  
Electric Supply Costs )

**NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION CHANGING  
FILING AND INTERVENTION DEADLINES  
FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND TESTIMONY**

On June 28, 2011, the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) directed NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) to supplement its Application for Approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Costs by submitting: (1) Forecasted lost revenues that will result from energy savings achieved through its demand-side management (DSM) programs during the 2011-2012 tracker period, as well as the electric supply rates that would result from including the forecasted lost revenues in the rate calculation; and (2) testimony as to whether the Commission should change its current policy that prohibits NorthWestern from including forecasted DSM lost revenues in the annual electric supply tracker pursuant to Commission Order 6836c in Docket No. D2007.5.46.

On June 30, 2011, the Commission issued a Notice of Commission Action requesting that NorthWestern submit the supplemental information and testimony no later than July 13, 2011, and setting a second intervention deadline of August 2, 2011, for entities seeking to intervene for the limited purpose of addressing the supplemental information and testimony.

On July 19, 2011, NorthWestern requested additional time to submit the supplemental information and testimony.

Through staff action, the Commission hereby extends the following deadlines: (1) The deadline by which NorthWestern is to file the supplemental information and testimony to July 29, 2011; and (2) the deadline by which an entity may petition for intervention for the limited purpose of addressing the supplemental information and testimony to **August 18, 2011**.

By the applicable intervention deadline, a person petitioning for intervention must: (1) Submit the petition electronically (E-file) on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" under "Electronic Documents" tab); and (2) physically deliver or mail the original petition to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601. The Commission will not post an E-filed petition to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner. A person petitioning for intervention in this docket must also serve a hard copy of the petition on the MCC at the address above.

An interested person that does not wish to formally intervene in this docket may submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission at the above address, or through the Commission's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Comment on Proceedings").

The Commission issues orders and notices of proceedings through service lists. An interested person that does not intervene but wishes to receive future orders and notices through the service list for this docket should notify the Commission in writing by the applicable intervention deadline.

Done and dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011 by delegation to staff as an Order of the Commission.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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