

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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's) REGULATORY DIVISION
Petition for a Short-Term Waiver from Full)
Compliance with the Community Renewable) DOCKET NO. D2011.6.53
Energy Project Purchase Requirement)

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
PREHEARING MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Order 7177, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) submits the following prehearing memorandum.

1. Issues: The issue in this docket is whether to grant a waiver to NorthWestern Energy for compliance with the community renewable purchase requirements of Montana's renewable energy standard law. NRDC desires to explore and consider further, based on what is stated at the hearing, the appropriateness of the granting of such a waiver and how to structure such a waiver if granted. Consequently, NRDC is unable to identify specific issues that are contested or not at this point in time. It is NRDC's understanding that there are no contested issues as between NorthWestern Energy and the Montana Consumer Counsel.

2. Witnesses: NRDC filed no prefiled testimony in this docket and will sponsor no witnesses.

3. Exhibits: Only exhibits utilized during cross examination may be moved into evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above signatory has, this ____ day of February, 2012, served the foregoing by electronic delivery and first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the applicant and the Montana Consumer Counsel.