



August 16, 2012

Ms. Kate Whitney  
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**Re: Docket No. D2012.5.48 Annual Natural Gas Tracker Filing  
NorthWestern Energy's Response to PSC Set 1 (001) Data Request**

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing are eleven copies of NorthWestern Energy's response to PSC Set 1 (001) Data Request. This response has been mailed to the service list in this docket and efiled with the Montana Public Service Commission ("PSC").

Should you have questions please contact Joe Schwartzberger at (406) 497-3362.

Sincerely,

Connie Moran  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of NorthWestern Energy's response to PSC Set 1 (001) Data Request in Docket No. D2012.5.48 Annual Natural Gas Tracker Filing will be e-filed with the PSC. It will also be served upon the following persons by postage prepaid via first class mail, as follows:

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DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.

  
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**NorthWestern Energy**  
**Docket D2012.5.48**  
**Natural Gas Tracker Filing**  
**Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)**

**PSC Set 1 (001)**

Data Requests served August 1, 2012

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Regarding: Electronic Worksheets

Witness: Smith, Phelps, Thomas

Please provide working electronic copies of all Exhibits with all supporting files and links intact.

RESPONSE:

See the attached CD for the working electronic copies of the John Smith, Bill Thomas and Glen Phelps exhibits with supporting files and links intact. The Smith and Phelps exhibits have been updated to reflect actual information for May and June 2012. Consistent with NWE's standard practice, the booked DSM lost revenues in the Smith exhibits reflect estimated lost revenues because it typically takes eight to ten weeks after the end of the tracker period to compile actual reported energy savings, and reported energy savings is a necessary input to the computation of DSM lost revenues. Accordingly, the Thomas exhibits are not updated to include actual data. NWE is in the process of gathering and finalizing actual reported energy savings for the 2011-2012 tracker period and will provide updated Thomas exhibits once that activity is complete.

NWE anticipates that any adjustment that is necessary to true-up the estimated DSM lost revenues booked for the 2011-2012 tracker period to the DSM lost revenues approved by the Commission in this docket will be made during the 2012-2013 tracker period.

Please note that information in the Thomas exhibits that would otherwise allow for the identification of individual customers has been redacted.