

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 Unreflected Gas)
Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost,) DOCKET NO. D2012.5.48
and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause)
Balance)

**DATA REQUESTS OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL
TO NORTHWESTERN ENERGY**

MCC-001 RE: Transmittal Letter
Witness: G.D. Phelps

At page 3 of NWE's May 29, 2012 Transmittal Letter to its Application in this docket, NWE requests approval to continue to reflect accounting treatment, through the GTAC mechanism, for certain expansions that generate Interruptible Transportation revenues or Interruptible and Firm Transportation revenues, in accordance with Order No. 5667a, FOF No. 3.

- a. Has NWE included costs associated with such expansions in its proposed GTAC mechanism in this docket? If so, please state the amount of such costs.
- b. Please state the dollar amounts and the applicable docket numbers, if any, of such costs that have been included in the GTAC mechanism in prior NWE annual gas tracker filings, subsequent to Order No. 5667a.

MCC-002 RE: Exhibits and Work Papers
Witness: John Smith

Please provide on computer CD, in Microsoft Excel format, with all formulas and links intact, the spreadsheet data used to produce Exhibit JMS-1, Exhibit JMS-1 (Work Papers), Exhibit JMS-2, and Exhibit JMS-2 (Work Papers).

MCC-003 RE: Exhibits and Work Papers
Witness: William M. Thomas

Please provide on computer CD, in Microsoft Excel format, with all formulas

and links intact, the spreadsheet data used to produce Exhibit WMT-1, Exhibit WMT-2, and Exhibit WMT-3.

MCC-004 RE: Table 1 at WMT-4
Witness: William M. Thomas

With respect to Table 1 at page WMT-4, under the heading “Reported Savings (Dkt), is it correct that the quantities shown for each “Program Period” will be repeated as additional incremental Dkt savings in subsequent annual periods? If not, please describe and state the quantities of additional incremental Dkt savings, if any, for subsequent annual periods that result from the “Expenses” shown there for each “Program Period.”

MCC-005 RE: Lost Revenues
Witness: William M. Thomas

With respect to Table 1 at page WMT-4, for each “Program Period” shown there, please provide a listing of the following:

- a. NWE’s original estimate of lost annual revenues associated with the “Target (Dkt)” shown there.
- b. The actual lost annual revenues associated with the “Reported Savings (Dkt)” shown there.

MCC-006 RE: Gas Cost Savings
Witness: William M. Thomas

With respect to Table 1 at page WMT-4, for each “Program Period” shown there, please provide a listing of the following:

- a. NWE’s estimate of the annual gas *cost* savings to be realized from the “Target (Dkt)” savings shown there.
- b. NWE’s calculation of the actual annual gas *cost* savings realized from the “Reported Savings (Dkt)” shown there.

MCC-007 RE: NWE Labor Expenses
Witness: William M. Thomas

At WMT-6, lines 25-26, you state “The total cost for the 2011-2012 tracker period is \$2,502,930. This amount does not include NorthWestern labor.” Please provide the

estimated additional cost of NWE labor that is applicable to NWE's 2011-2012 Natural Gas DSM Program.

MCC-008 RE: NWE Labor Expenses
Witness: William M. Thomas

At WMT-19, lines 10-11, you state "The estimated budget for the 2012-2013 E + Natural Gas DSM Program is \$3,834,360."

- a. Does that amount include the cost of NWE labor? If so, please separately state the cost of NWE labor that is included in that amount.
- b. If that amount does not include the cost of NWE labor, please state the estimated cost of NWE labor that is in addition to that amount.

MCC-009 RE: 2012-2013 DSM Program Costs
Witness: William M. Thomas

With respect to WMT-20, line 22, through WMT-21, line 3:

- a. Please list and explain the reasons for the 53.2 percent increase in DSM program costs from the 2011-2012 period to the 2012-2013 period that is referred to in that testimony.
- b. Please list and describe actual or potential benefits that may justify the 53.2 percent increase in DSM program costs from the 2011-2012 period to the 2012-2013 period that is referred to in that testimony.