



April 10, 2013

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**Re: Docket No. D2012.5.49 Electric Tracker  
PSC Set 5 Data Requests (PSC-034-PSC-091)  
Updated Response to PSC-080**

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing is a copy of NorthWestern Energy's updated response to PSC Set 5 Data Request PSC-080. This updated response has been mailed to the service list in this docket and will also be e-filed on the PSC website.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nedra Chase".

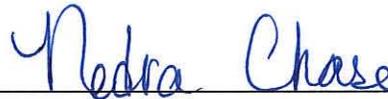
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Enclosures

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of NorthWestern Energy's updated response to PSC Set 5 Data Request No. PSC-080 in Docket D2012.5.49 Electric Tracker has been served by mailing a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid to the service list in this Docket. It will also be e-filed on the PSC website.

Date: April 10, 2013



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**NorthWestern Energy**  
**Docket D2012.5.49**  
**Electric Tracker**

**Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)**  
**Set 5 (034-091)**

Data Requests received February 22, 2013

PSC-080

Regarding: Energy from Non-Dispatchable Resources  
Witness: Markovich

- a. For the 2011-2012 tracker period, please identify each non-dispatchable resource providing electric supply to NWE's market operations group, including resources available through power purchase agreements, take-and-pay contracts and hedging contracts whose deliveries cannot be avoided without incurring the same cost that would otherwise be paid under the agreement or contract, as well as resources that are owned by or contracted to NWE but whose energy production is not within NWE's control. For each resource, list the contracted heavy load hour and light load hour energy and capacity amounts and, to the extent applicable, any monthly variations.
- b. For the 2011-2012 tracker period, please identify the hours and the number of hours during which the supply resulting from non-dispatchable resources in (a) was greater than scheduled retail loads.
- c. For those hours in which the phenomenon described in (b) occurred, please provide the scheduled load, and a list of the non-dispatchable resources delivering energy, including for each the amount of delivered energy in that hour.
- d. For those hours in which the phenomenon described in (b) occurred, please state whether Colstrip Unit 4 delivered energy, and if so, the amount of energy. To the extent the reciprocal sharing agreement with Colstrip Unit 3 resulted in energy deliveries from that unit, include those deliveries in the response to this question.

RESPONSE:

- a. See the file in the folder labeled "PSC-080" on the CD attached to PSC-043, specifically under the "webTrader Data" tab.
- b. See the "Summary" tab of the file provided in response to part a, above.
- c. See the "Hourly" tab of the file provided in response to part a, above.
- d. See the "Hourly" tab of the file provided in response to part a, above.

**NorthWestern Energy**  
**Docket D2012.5.49**  
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PSC-080 cont'd

UPDATED RESPONSE (April 10, 2013):

The following clarifications were requested by Commission staff:

The data request asked for energy supplied from non-dispatchable resources, and the electronic file provided in response abbreviated the supply sources.

- a. Please spell out the following counter parties: AVWP, CSEL, BPAP, BSNCR, and REMC.
- b. Would Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, and TransAlta be considered non-dispatchable?
- c. NWE has a 50 MW contract with Powerex for low load hour power, but in the attachment to PSC-080, it looks like in 2012 Powerex is delivering non-dispatchable power mostly in heavy load hours. Please clarify.

RESPONSE:

- a. AVWP = Avista Corp.  
CSEL = Credit Suisse  
BPAP = Bonneville Power Administration  
BSNCR = Basin Creek  
REMC = Rainbow Energy
- b. Yes.
- c. NWE has a two-year, 50 MW off-peak contract with Powerex that commenced on January 1, 2013. The volumes in 2012 were from other transactions with Powerex.