

Service Date: August 17, 2012

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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
2011-2012 Electricity Supply Tracker ) DOCKET NO. D2012.5.49

**NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION WAIVING AUTOMATIC  
DENIAL OF RECONSIDERATION DEADLINE**

On August 10, 2012, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy filed a *Motion and Brief in Support of Reconsideration of Order No. 7219b, or in the Alternative, Motion for More Time* (Motion for Reconsideration) with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission). The Commission is scheduled to discuss and act on the Motion for Reconsideration on August 23, 2012.

The Motion for Reconsideration will be deemed denied if it is not acted upon within ten days of its filing. Admin. R. Mont. 38.2.4806(5)(2012). However, the staff may waive this rule pursuant to authority delegated in the Commission's Operations Manual. *See* p. 15-1.

Staff hereby waives the ten day rule in Section 38.2.4806(5) of the Administrative Rules of Montana.

DONE AND DATED THE 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012 by delegation to staff.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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