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### **Scheduling and Dispatch of Electricity Supply Resources**

The Commission requests testimony from appropriate representatives of NorthWestern (from both the default supply and transmission divisions) discussing practices currently employed to efficiently dispatch NorthWestern's portfolio of electricity supply resources and minimize energy imbalance charges attributable to matching loads and resources. In particular, the Commission requests testimony regarding all of the following topics: (1) The use of the Intra-Hour Transaction Accelerator Program; (2) the feasibility of using dispatchable capacity available from Basin Creek Equity Partners, LLC (Basin Creek) on an intra-hour basis to correct for deviations from scheduled load and supply; (3) any economic considerations related to dispatching the Basin Creek resource on an intra-hour basis; (4) the ability to monitor deviations from scheduled load and supply, the cost of such imbalances, and the appropriateness of intra-hour schedule adjustments; and (5) the methods used to forecast production from wind facilities (including qualifying facilities), and efforts to monitor and improve the accuracy of such forecasts.

### **Limited Intervention Deadline**

The initial deadline for intervention in this matter was July 9, 2012. A person seeking to intervene for the limited purpose of addressing the supplemental testimony requested above must file a petition for limited intervention **no later than February 15, 2013**. A person petitioning for limited intervention must: (1) Submit the petition electronically (E-file) on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" under "Electronic Documents" tab); and (2) physically deliver or mail the original petition to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601. The Commission will not post an E-filed petition to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner.

An interested person that does not wish to formally intervene in this docket may submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission at the above address, or through the Commission's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Comment on Proceedings").

The Commission issues orders and notices of proceedings through service lists. An interested person that does not intervene but wishes to receive orders and notices through the service list for this docket must notify the Commission in writing by the intervention deadline.

DONE AND DATED this 15th day of November 2012 by a vote of 5 to 0.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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