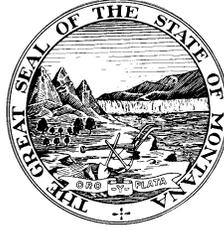


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July 13, 2012

Mr. Joe Schwartzenberger  
Director, Regulatory Affairs  
NorthWestern Energy  
40 East Broadway  
Butte, MT 59701

RE: Data requests in Docket D2012.5.49

Dear Mr. Schwartzenberger,

Enclosed please find data requests of the Montana Public Service Commission to NorthWestern Energy (NWE) numbered PSC-006 through PSC-013 in the above-referenced Docket. Please begin the response to each new numbered data request on a new page. Please provide responses by July 27, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 444-6191.

Sincerely,

Neil Templeton  
Regulatory Division  
Montana Public Service Commission

Service Date: July 13, 2012

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 Electricity Supply )  
Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected ) DOCKET NO. D2012.5.49  
Electric Supply Costs )

**DATA REQUESTS PSC-006 THROUGH PSC-013 OF THE  
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
TO  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY**

PSC-006

Regarding: Dave Gates Generation Station (DGGS) Outage  
Witness: Cashell

- a. Please provide any off-line and on-line dates for each of the original power turbines at DGGS related to an outage during the tracker period.
- b. Please provide any on-line and off-line dates for each of the replacement turbines at DGGS related to an outage during the tracker period.
- c. Please provide any documentation NWE possesses, correspondence between NWE employees, or correspondence between NWE employees and others related to operational problems of DGGS before the outage occurred.
- d. Please provide any documentation NWE possesses, correspondence between NWE employees, or correspondence between NWE employees and others related to the cause of the DGGS outage, either before or after the outage.
- e. Please describe the steps NWE took to procure regulation service after the DGGS outage.

## PSC-007

Regarding: Replacement Contracts for Regulation Service

Witness: Cashell

- a. Please identify any entity that NWE contacted to procure regulation service during the tracker period.
- b. Please provide any pricing information possessed by NWE related to the replacement regulation service that was available or procured following the outage at DGGS.
- c. Please provide any correspondence between NWE and other entities offering or potentially offering regulation service in 2012.
- d. Please provide any contracts for regulation service that NWE entered into in 2012.
- e. Please provide any documentation NWE possesses, correspondence between NWE employees, or correspondence between NWE employees and others related to the procurement of third-party replacement regulation service after the outage.

## PSC-008

Regarding: DGGS Warranties and Insurance

Witness: Cashell

- a. Please provide the Pratt & Whitney warranty, including any amendments, supplements, or extensions, that applies to DGGS.
- b. Please provide any other insurance or warranty product purchased by, offered to, or sought out by NWE that provides or could have provided coverage to DGGS.
- c. Please provide any documentation NWE possesses, correspondence between NWE employees, or correspondence between NWE employees and others related to warranty and insurance coverage of DGGS.

## PSC-009

Regarding: Other DGGS Outage Costs

Witness: Cashell

Please separately identify any costs that NWE has borne in relation to the DGGS outage other than the cost of replacement contracts, including administrative and general costs.

## PSC-010

Regarding: Administrative Expenses and General Costs

Witness: Bennett

- a. Please confirm that NWE did not seek recovery of any administrative and general costs related to electric supply in the last general rate case.
- b. Please provide invoices for all expenditures classified as Administrative Expenses and General Costs related to electric supply during the 2011-2012 tracker year.

## PSC-011

Regarding: Electric Demand-Side Management (DSM) Program Spending

Witness: Thomas

- a. Please provide a detailed breakdown of spending, by bulb type and wattage, for the E+ Residential Lighting Program during the 2011-2012 tracker year.
- b. Please provide a detailed budget, by bulb type and wattage, for the E+ Residential Lighting Program during the 2012-2013 tracker year.
- c. Please provide a detailed breakdown of spending, by bulb type and wattage, for the E+ Commercial Lighting Program during the 2011-2012 tracker year.
- d. Please provide a detailed budget, by bulb type and wattage, for the E+ Commercial Lighting Program during the 2012-2013 tracker year.

## PSC-012

Regarding: DSM Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification

Witness: Thomas

- a. Please provide any contracts or agreements that NWE has entered into with SBW, Inc.
- b. As available, provide any draft or final report received by NWE from SBW, Inc.

## PSC-013

Regarding: Musselshell Wind Projects, NWE Small Generator Queue

Witness: Unknown

Please provide timelines specifying progress through the NWE Small Generator Queue for each of the Musselshell wind projects.