

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

IN THE MATTER OF the Application of)	REGULATORY DIVISION
NorthWestern Energy for Approval to Purchase)	
and Operate the Hydroelectric Facilities of PPL)	DOCKET NO. D2013.12.85
Montana, LLC)	

**MONTANA LARGE CUSTOMER GROUP’S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

The Montana Large Customer Group¹ (“LCG”) respectfully petitions the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for general intervention in the above-captioned docket. In support of its petition, LCG states as follows:

1. The LCG members petitioning for intervention in this matter are active participants in the wholesale electric market in Montana and obtain electric transmission and distribution service from NorthWestern Energy (“NWE”). As such, the condition of the wholesale electric market in Montana and the financial condition of NWE, including its cost structure, financing costs and risk exposure, significantly affect the LCG members. In addition, other parties or the Commission could raise issues that implicate LCG’s interests. Therefore, LCG seeks status as an intervenor to monitor this proceeding and participate as the LCG deems appropriate.

2. Pursuant to the Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued in this proceeding, the LCG requests general intervenor status and related rights of participation in the

¹ The Large Customer Group or “LCG” is an informal coalition of industrial energy customers which, among other activities, participate selectively in proceedings of the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission” or “MPSC”) that may affect electric or natural gas prices and service within Montana. For purposes of the present matter, the participating customers include Ash Grove Cement West, Calumet Montana Refining, LLC, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Phillips 66, Holcim (US) Inc., REC Advanced Silicon Materials LLC, and Stillwater Mining Company.

present docket. At this time, the LCG has not determined what level of involvement or participation it may elect and requests the right to participate as the LCG deems appropriate.

3. LCG takes no specific position on NWE's Application at this time and reserves its take such positions or request such relief as the LCG may deem appropriate as the docket moves forward. The participation of LCG as a general intervenor will not unduly broaden the scope or affect the orderly disposition of the proceeding.

5. LCG requests that notice of all matters relating to this proceeding and copies of orders, pre-filed testimony, exhibits and all pleadings, discovery and other communications be served upon the following:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this, the 10th day of January, 2014, the foregoing **MONTANA LARGE CUSTOMER GROUP'S PETITION TO INTERVENE** was served via U.S. mail and e-mail, unless otherwise noted, to the following:

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