



February 28, 2014

Ms. Kate Whitney
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RE: Docket No. D2013.12.85
PPLM Hydro Assets Purchase
MCC Set 2 Data Requests (016-073)
UPDATED RESPONSE TO MCC-057

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing is a copy of NorthWestern Energy's updated response to MCC-057 in MCC Set 2. A hard copy will be mailed to the most recent service list in this Docket this date. The Montana Public Service Commission and the Montana Consumer Counsel will be served by hand delivery this date. These data responses will also be e-filed on the PSC website and emailed to counsel of record.

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

Sincerely,

Nedra Chase
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CC: Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of NorthWestern Energy's updated response to MCC-057 in MCC Set 2 (016-073) data requests in Docket D2013.12.85, the PPLM Hydro Assets Purchase, will be e-filed on the PSC website and served on the most recent service list by mailing a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid. It will also be emailed to counsel of record.

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Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
Set 2 (016-073)

Data Requests served January 21, 2014

MCC-057

Regarding: Due Diligence Process
Witness: William T. Rhoads

In reference to page WTR-8, lines 6-7: Please provide a complete list of historical expenditures (dates, dollar amounts and equipment) and proposed budget forecasts for each unit at each plant.

RESPONSE:

For historical capital expenditures, please see Attachments 1 and 2. For capital budget forecasts, see the response to Data Request PSC-018 parts a and b. For historical O&M expenditures, please see the response to Data Request MCC-028b. For O&M forecast, see Attachment 3. O&M forecasted values for 2018 forward were escalated at 2.5% annually. The independent engineer's Shaw report of January 2013 (Exhibit__(WTR-2.1)) contains the major historical operation and maintenance (O&M) on report pages 160-165. A pro forma assessment discussion about the future O&M expenditures is included on report pages 188-189.

On January 31, 2014, NorthWestern filed a motion for protective order regarding Attachments 2 and 3, and redacted public versions are provided with this response. NorthWestern will update this response by providing this information in the appropriate format after the Commission rules on the motion for protective order.

UPDATED RESPONSE (February 28, 2014):

Protected versions of Attachments 2 and 3 have been provided on yellow paper to the Commission and to the parties who signed the appropriate non-disclosure agreement pursuant to Protective Order No. 7323f.