

Service Date: March 14, 2014

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 Hydro Assets)
Purchase) DOCKET NO. D2013.12.85

NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

On December 20, 2013, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed its *Application for Hydro Assets Purchase* (Application) with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission).

The Commission issued Data Requests PSC-104 through PSC-120 on February 6, 2014. On February 18, 2014, NorthWestern objected to PSC-104, 105, and 106 based on relevance and parts of 107 and 108 based on relevance and speculation. At a regularly-scheduled work session on March 4, 2014, the Commission ruled on certain objections as discussed below.

The Commission overruled NorthWestern's objections to Data Requests PSC-104, PSC-105, PSC-106, PSC-107(b)-(e), PSC-108(b)-(e). The Commission overruled PSC-104 through 106 based on its previous determination that data requests following up to PSC-003 and PSC-066 are relevant. The Commission overruled PSC-107(b)-(e) and 108(b)-(e) and determined that the questions, as asked, are relevant and not speculative. The Commission determined that NorthWestern's objection to MCC-180 is moot and the objection to MCC-184 is not ripe for a decision. NorthWestern is required to respond to the overruled Data Requests by March 21, 2014.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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