



December 15, 2014

Ms. Kate Whitney
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Montana Public Service Commission
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**Re: Docket Nos. D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 Electric Tracker
Updated responses to MCC-027 and MCC-087 in MCC Set 1
Data Requests (001-112)**

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing is a copy of NorthWestern Energy's updated responses to MCC-027 and MCC-087 in the MCC Set 1 Data Requests in Docket Nos. D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46. It will be hand delivered to the Montana Public Service Commission and the Montana Consumer Counsel this date. It will also be mailed to the service list in this docket, e-filed on the PSC website, and emailed to counsel of record.

Should you have questions please contact Joe Schwartzberger at (406) 497-3362.

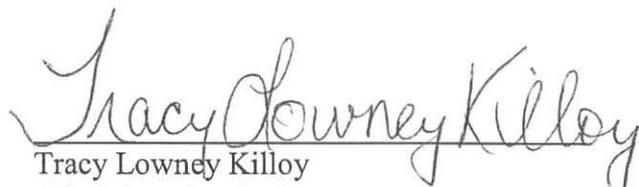
Sincerely,

Tracy Lowney Killoy
Administrative Assistant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of NorthWestern Energy's updated responses to MCC-027 and MCC-087 in the MCC Set 1 Data Requests in Docket Nos. D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 has been hand delivered to the Montana Public Service Commission and to the Montana Consumer Counsel this date. It will be e-filed on the PSC website, emailed to counsel of record, and served on the most recent service list by mailing a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Date: December 15, 2014


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Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
Set 1 (001-112)

Data Requests received October 24, 2014

MCC-027 Regarding: Colstrip Unit 4 Outage
 Witness: Mike Barnes

Please provide all memos, correspondence, and any documentation NWE possesses or has obtained in relation to insurance purchased by PPLM, as operator of CU4, regarding coverage of an event such as the outage.

RESPONSE (November 7, 2014):

PPLM, as operator, is required to carry property damage insurance per the Ownership & Operation Agreement provided in response to Data Request MCC-019.

UPDATED RESPONSE (December 15, 2014):

See Attachments 1 and 2 on the attached CD. Attachment 1 is the 2012 insurance policy taken out by PPL Montana for Colstrip Unit 4, and Attachment 2 is the 2013-2014 policy renewal endorsement.

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MCC-087 Regarding: Table At FVB-15
 Witness: Frank V. Bennett

Please update the table at page FVB-15 of your 2014 testimony to reflect actual results for 2013/2014 through the most recent month for which actual data are available.

RESPONSE (November 7, 2014):

The table for 12 months of actual values for the 2013/2014 tracking period has not been prepared for this docket. Values within the table can be updated to actuals through June 2014 by using Exhibit __ (FVB-1)13-14 Updated specifically the categories within pages 3 and 4.

UPDATED RESPONSE (December 15, 2014):

See the table below, which ties to Exhibit __ (FVB-1)13-14 Updated supplied on CD in response to Data Request MCC-076 in this combined docket:

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MCC-087 cont'd

Beginning Deferred Account		Balance (\$)
Under-Collection		\$215,706

Energy Supply/Service	MWh	Cost (\$)	\$/MWh
Off System Transactions			
Fixed Price	1,390,839	\$60,909,768	\$43.79
Index Price	(1,362,416)	(\$41,487,776)	\$30.45
On System Transactions			
Rate Based Assets	1,248,685		
Base Fixed Price Purchase	3,229,693	\$145,527,860	\$45.06
Index Price	2,116,280	\$68,760,002	\$32.49
Imbalance	0	\$5,695,694	
Ancillary and Other	88,513	\$29,238,232	
Transmission Costs	NA	\$837,099	
Administrative Expenses	NA	\$2,131,220	
Carrying Cost	NA	\$1,670,645	
Total Expenses:		\$273,282,745	

Electricity Sales	MWh	Revenue (\$)
Electric Cost Revenue		\$239,243,896
Prior Deferred Expense		(\$2,966,153)
Total Revenue:		\$236,277,743

Ending Deferred Account		Balance (\$)
Under-Collection		\$37,220,708