

March 11, 2015

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**Re: Docket Nos. D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 Electric Tracker
Third Updated Response to MCC-015
MCC Set 1 (001-112) Data Requests**

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing is a copy of NorthWestern Energy's third updated response to MCC-015 in MCC Set 1 (001-112) data requests. This response will be hand delivered to the Montana Public Service Commission and the Montana Consumer Counsel. This response will be mailed to the service list in this docket, e-filed with the PSC, and emailed to counsel of record.

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

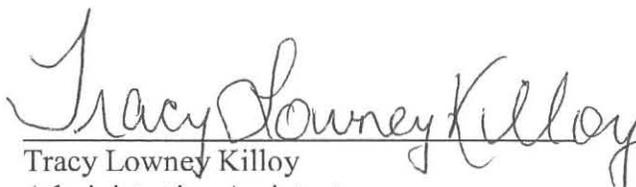
Sincerely,

Tracy Lowney Killoy
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of NorthWestern Energy's third updated response to MCC-015 in 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. This will be e-filed on the PSC website, e-mailed to counsel of record, and served on the most recent service list by mailing a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Date: March 11, 2015


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

Data Requests received October 24, 2014

MCC-015 Regarding: Colstrip Unit 4 Outage
 Witness: N/A

Please provide all memos, correspondence, and any documentation within NWE possession and/or control in relation to the outage, from the day the outage occurred to the present, including all communications concerning the outage between NWE and PPLM, any and all communications with the company that performed the scheduled maintenance, and any communications with any insurance companies regardless of whom such company was insuring

RESPONSE (November 14, 2014):

See the emails responsive to this data request in the "MCC-015" folder on the attached CD. See also the responses to Data Requests MCC-017, MEIC-2, and MEIC-6. Please note that several emails have not been produced at this time due to Siemens' notification to NorthWestern that it plans to file a motion for protective order in this docket in order to protect information that it believes is confidential, trade secret information. NorthWestern will update this response when the Commission has acted on Siemens' motion for protective order. In addition, one email and its attachments are not being produced because they contain information that NorthWestern considers to be confidential, trade secret information. NorthWestern will file a motion for protective order regarding this information next week and will update this response when the Commission has acted on NorthWestern's motion.

UPDATED RESPONSE (February 4, 2015):

See Attachments 1 and 2, the public versions of an email and its attachment regarding the Coal Supply Agreement for Colstrip Unit 4. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 7283d, protected versions of these attachment pages containing redactions have been provided on yellow paper to the Commission and the parties who signed the appropriate non-disclosure agreement.

Additionally, with respect to the email, portions of the email are considered protectable based on the attorney/client privilege and not waived due to the common interest doctrine. As a result, these redactions (in black) remain even on the protected version. And although the information necessary for a privilege log is unredacted in the email, a privilege log is being separately provided as Attachment 3 with this updated response.

NorthWestern Energy
Docket D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46
Electric Tracker

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

Data Requests received October 24, 2014

MCC-015 cont'd

SECOND UPDATED RESPONSE (February 18, 2015):

See Attachment 4, the public version of emails responsive to this data request in the "MCC-015" folder on the attached CD. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 7283c, the protected version of Attachment 4 will be provided in the "MCC-015 folder" on a yellow CD to the Commission and the parties who sign the appropriate non-disclosure agreement.

THIRD UPDATED RESPONSE (March 11, 2015):

Subsequent to NorthWestern filing the second updated response to this data request, Commission staff inquired about portions of the Root Cause Analysis (RCA) that had been publicly disclosed in a regulatory proceeding in another state. This led to Siemens' decision to unredact language on two pages of the RCA (provided twice as an email attachment in Attachment 4). As a result, see the Updated Attachment 4, the revised public version, on the attached CD. Pages 68, 109, 167, and 208 now contain unredacted language.