

Service Date: June 19, 2013

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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's) REGULATORY DIVISION
2012-2013 Electricity Supply Tracker) DOCKET NO. D2013.5.33

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE**

On May 31, 2013, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed its annual Electricity Supply Tracker (Application) seeking approval of: (1) Amortization of a net over-collection of \$746,835 in the Electricity Supply Deferred Costs Account Balance (Deferred Account Balance) for the 12 months ending June 30, 2013; and (2) projected load, supply, and related electric costs for the 12-month tracker period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

Specifically, NorthWestern sought to increase the Deferred Supply Rate to reflect a total Deferred Account Balance of (\$746,835), which includes an over-collection of (\$3,477,111) for Electricity Supply Costs, an over-collection of (\$1,868,066) for Colstrip Unit 4 variable costs/credits, and an under-collection of \$4,598,343 for Dave Gates Generation Station variable costs/credits during the period from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013. According to NorthWestern, approval of the filing will result in an increase of \$0.34 per month for the typical residential customer using 750 kWh per month. NorthWestern requested that the Commission grant an interim rate adjustment effective July 1, 2013.

A copy of the Application is available for inspection at the business offices of the Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601, and may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> under Docket D2013.5.33. The Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC), which represents consumer interests before the Commission, also has a copy of the Application available for inspection at 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771.

Any interested person who is directly affected by the Application and wants to be a party to this docket must file a petition to intervene with the Commission **no later than July 31, 2013** (intervention deadline).

By the intervention deadline, a person petitioning for intervention must: (1) Submit the petition electronically (e-file) on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" under "Electronic Documents" tab); and (2) physically deliver or mail the original petition to the Commission at the above address. The Commission will not post an e-filed petition to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner. A person petitioning for intervention in this docket must also serve a hard copy of the petition on NorthWestern and the MCC at the address above.

An interested person who does not wish to formally intervene in this docket may mail or deliver written comments to the Commission at the above address, or submit the comments electronically on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Comment on Proceedings").

The Commission initially notices proceedings through use of general service lists. An interested person who does not intervene but wishes to receive all subsequent orders and notices through the service list for this docket must notify the Commission in writing by the intervention deadline.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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