

Service Date: June 2, 2014

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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern )  
Energy's 2012-2013 Electricity Supply ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
Tracker ) DOCKET NO. D2013.5.33  
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IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern ) DOCKET NO. D2014.5.46  
Energy's 2013-2014 Electricity Supply )  
Tracker )

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE**

On May 29, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed its 2013-2014 Electricity Supply Tracker (2014 Tracker) with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission). NorthWestern requested that the Commission grant its proposed interim rate adjustment effective July 1, 2014.

The Commission must allow NorthWestern “to fully recover prudently incurred electricity supply costs,” subject to certain statutes and Commission rules. Mont. Code Ann. § 69-8-210 (2013). “Electricity supply costs” are “the actual costs incurred in providing electricity supply service through power purchase agreements, demand-side management, and energy efficiency programs,” including “costs directly related to the purchase of electricity and the management and provision of power purchase agreements.” *Id.* at § 69-8-103(8).

NorthWestern filed its 2012-2013 Electricity Supply Tracker (2013 Tracker) on May 31, 2013. The Commission issued *Interim Order 7283* on June 18, and granted intervention to the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC), Natural Resources Defense Council and Human Resource Council District XI (NRDC/HRC) on August 2, 2013. The Commission consolidated the 2013 and 2014 Trackers on May 6, 2014.

In its 2014 Tracker, NorthWestern requests approval of: (1) Deferred Cost Account Balance of \$32,044,199 for the 12 months ending June 30, 2014; and (2) projected load, supply, and related electric costs for the 12 months ending June 30, 2015. The Deferred Cost Account

Balance includes under-collections of \$34,320,720 for electricity supply costs; \$375,220 for variable costs associated with the Dave Gates Generating Station; and \$15,848 for variable costs associated with the Spion Kop Wind Facility; offset by an over-collection of \$(2,667,589) for variable costs associated with Colstrip Unit 4.

According to NorthWestern, the rates proposed in this filing will increase the total bill of a typical residential customer using 750 kilowatt-hours per month by \$5.03 per month or \$60.36 per year, a 6.5% increase for supply-related costs.

A copy of the 2014 Tracker 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 D2014.5.46. The Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC), which represents consumer interests before the Commission, also has a copy of the 2014 Tracker available for inspection at 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771.

The parties to the 2013 Tracker are parties to the 2014 Tracker by virtue of consolidation. *See* Notice of Commn. Action, Dkt. D20013.5.33 (May 12, 2014). Any other interested person who is directly affected by the 2014 Tracker and wants to be a party to these consolidated Dockets must file a petition to intervene with the Commission **no later than July 18, 2014** (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 these Dockets 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 these Dockets 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").

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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