

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

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

NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION

NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed its 2012-2013 Electricity Supply Tracker on May 31, 2013. The Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) granted *Interim Order 7283* on June 18, and issued a *Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline* on June 19, 2013. NorthWestern filed its 2013-2014 Electricity Supply Tracker on May 29, 2014. The Commission issued a *Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline* on May 31 and *Interim Order 7283a* on June 17, 2014. See Notice of Commn. Action, Dkt. D2013.5.33 (May 12, 2014) (consolidating the trackers).

The Human Resource Council District XI, Montana Consumer Counsel, Montana Environmental Information Center, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Sierra Club are parties to this proceeding. See Notice of Commn. Action, Dkt. D2013.5.33 (Aug. 20, 2014).

On October 22, 2014, the Commission issued *Procedural Order 7283b*. In November, it suspended procedural deadlines through mid-February, 2015. On February 26, 2015, the Commission issued *Procedural Order 7283f*, which is hereby amended as follows:

In order to promote the efficiency of the administrative process, staff attorney **Jason Brown** will act as examiner for the limited purpose of disposing of discovery disputes (including objections to data requests and motions to compel) and motions for protective order in this proceeding.

Or. 7283f, Dkt. D2013.5.33, ¶ 16 (Feb. 26, 2015) (emphasis added). All other deadlines and provisions in *Procedural Order 7283b* shall remain effective unless again modified by the Commission or staff.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman
KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner
BOB LAKE, Commissioner