

Service Date: July 14, 2015

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. See Notice of Commn. Action, Dkt. D2013.5.33 (May 12, 2014) (consolidating the trackers). The Commission issued a *Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline* on May 31, and *Interim Order 7283a* on June 17, 2014.

The Human Resource Council District XI, Montana Consumer Counsel, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC), Natural Resources Defense Council, and Sierra Club are parties to this proceeding.

The parties have engaged in discovery and filed direct testimony. On July 9, 2015, NorthWestern filed an *Unopposed Motion for an Extension* (Motion), seeking a one-week extension to file its rebuttal testimony. According to NorthWestern, the MEIC and Sierra Club do not oppose this request “as long as the discovery deadlines associated with rebuttal testimony are also extended by one week and the hearing date of October 6, 2015 is not changed.” Mot. p. 2. As requested by NorthWestern, *Amended Procedural Order 7283f* is hereby amended as follows:

- (g) July 24, 2015: Final day for NorthWestern to file rebuttal testimony and intervenors to file cross-intervenor response testimony.

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- (h) August 14, 2015: Final day for data requests to NorthWestern and intervenors related to rebuttal and cross-intervenor response testimony.
- (i) September 4, 2015: Final day for NorthWestern and intervenors to respond to data requests related to rebuttal and cross-intervenor response testimony filed by August 14, 2015.
- (j) September 18, 2015: Final day for NorthWestern and intervenors to file pre-hearing memoranda.
- (k) September 25, 2015: Final day to object to exhibits or discovery that a party intends to introduce (as indicated in prehearing memoranda).
- (l) October 6, 2015: Hearing commences and continues from day-to-day as necessary.

All other provisions in *Amended Procedural Order 7283f* 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