

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

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IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's) REGULATORY DIVISION
Application for Approval of Unreflected Gas)
Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost,) DOCKET NO. D2013.5.34
and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause)
Balance) DOCKET NO. D2014.5.47

PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL

In accordance with the schedule provided in the procedural order in this docket, the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) submits its prehearing memorandum.

I. CONTESTED ISSUES.

The contested issues being addressed by MCC in these consolidated dockets are as follows:

- A. Whether or not NWE's proposed LRAM revenues resulting from its USB activities in tracker periods 2012-13 and 2013-14 should be allowed for recovery in the two consolidated gas tracker dockets in this proceeding.
- B. Whether or not NWE's should be allowed to recover estimated LRAM revenues resulting from USB activities in future gas tracker periods.
- C. Whether or not NWE's current methodology of cost recovery for its investments in natural gas production assets is reasonable.

II. WITNESSES.

MCC will present the testimony of its expert witness, Mr. George Donkin.

III. EXHIBITS.

MCC will offer into evidence the November 27, 2013 pre-filed direct testimony and exhibits of George Donkin as Exhibit MCC-1, and the March 18, 2015 pre-filed supplemental testimony and exhibits of George Donkin, including corrected Exhibit (GLD-7) filed in response to PSC DR 45, as Exhibit MCC-2.

IV. DATA RESPONSES AND ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

MCC will move for admission into the record the following responses to data requests, and exhibits thereto, including all material provided in the responses:

- All responses to MCC Data Requests;
- All Responses to PSC Data Requests;

V. SPECIAL SCHEDULING NEEDS.

MCC requests that Mr. Donkin be scheduled to testify no later than Thursday, May 21, 2015. MCC has no other special scheduling needs.

DATED this 12th day of May, 2015.

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