

February 23, 2015

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RE: Docket Nos. D2013.5.34/D2014.5.47 – Natural Gas Tracker
MCC Set 3 (044-065)

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Enclosed for filing are NorthWestern Energy's responses to MCC Set 3 Data Requests in Docket Nos. D2013.5.34/D2014.5.47 Natural Gas Tracker.

These data responses will be hand delivered to the Montana Public Service Commission and the Montana Consumer Counsel this date. They will also be mailed to the service list in this docket, e-filed on the PSC website, and emailed to counsel of record.

If you have any questions, please call Joe Schwartzenberger at (406) 497-3362.

Sincerely,



Connie Moran
Administrative Assistant
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of NorthWestern responses to MCC Set 3 Data Requests (044-065) in Docket Nos. D2013.5.34/D2014.5.47 will be hand delivered to the Montana Public Service Commission and Montana Consumer Counsel this date. They will be e-filed on the PSC website, emailed to counsel of record, and served on the most recent service list by mailing a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid as follows:

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NorthWestern Energy
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Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
Set 3 (044-065)

Data Requests received February 6, 2015

MCC-044 Regarding: NorthWestern Energy (NWE) Exhibits
 Witness: All

Please provide on compact disk electronic working copies, with all links intact, of all exhibits (including related workpapers, where applicable), that are being sponsored by each NWE witness in this case.

RESPONSE:

Please see the "MCC-044" folder on the attached CD for the electronic exhibit files.

The specific files provided are as follows:

Joe Schwartzberger folder: The exhibits provided on CD with the Supplemental Filing made in December plus Exhibits (WMT-1) and (WMT-2) from the May 2014 tracker filing that are updated to include 12 + 0 data reflected on Exhibit __ (WMT-3-Corrected)-13-14. Paper copies of Exhibits (WMT-1) and (WMT-2) are provided as well.

John Smith folder: The exhibits provided on CD with the Supplemental Filing made in December. These replace the exhibits from the original May 2014 tracker filing in their entirety.

Pat DiFronzo folder: The original exhibits from the original May 2014 tracker filing and Exhibit __ (PJD-1) updated to reflect 12 months of actual information. A paper version of this updated exhibit is provided as well.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Table A: Reported Savings From 2013-14 Natural Gas USB and DSM Program Activity								
2									
3	Annualized Energy Savings								
4		USB	Natural Gas Supply DSM	Total					
5		dkt	dkt	dkt					
6	E+ Energy Audit for the Home or Business (Natural Gas)	14,570	-	14,570					
7	E+ Business Partners Program	-	2,261	2,261					
8	Builder Operator Certification	1,356	-	1,356					
9	Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA)	-	9,182	9,182					
10	E+ Free Weatherization Program & Fuel Switch	10,083	-	10,083					
11	E+ Residential NC Gas Rebate Program	-	490	490					
12	E+ Residential EX Gas Rebate Program	-	22,819	22,819					
13	E+ Commercial NC Gas Rebate Program	-	2,117	2,117					
14	E+ Commercial EX Gas Rebate Program	-	4,549	4,549					
15	Totals	26,009	41,417	67,426					

Note: Annualized energy savings are based on 12 months of actual reported savings (July - June).

USB + DSM savings acquired in 2013-14 Tracker Period (dkt): 67,426

Table B: Residential and Commercial Savings for Calculation of Lost T & D Revenues

Programs	USB + DSM Programs			Residential % of Total ²	Commercial % of Total ²	
	% Residential	dkt	% Commercial			
21						
22						
23						
24	General Default Supply DSM Expenses	0%	-	0%	-	
25	E+ Energy Audit for the Home or Business (Natural Gas)	95%	13,904	5%	666	
26	E+ Business Partners Program	0%	-	100%	2,261	
27	Builder Operator Certification	0%	-	100%	1,356	
28	Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA)	82%	7,535	18%	1,647	
29	E+ Free Weatherization Program & Fuel Switch	100%	10,083	0%	-	
30	E+ Residential NC Gas Rebate Program	100%	490	0%	490	
31	E+ Residential EX Gas Rebate Program	100%	22,819	0%	-	
32	E+ Commercial NC Gas Rebate Program	0%	-	100%	2,117	
33	E+ Commercial EX Gas Rebate Program	0%	-	100%	4,549	
34	Totals		54,831		12,595	
35					67,426	
36						
37						
38	Subtract NorthWestern Energy Facilities from Commercial Totals³					
39						
40						
41						
42						
43						

Note 2: Overall Residential and Commercial percentages are used in calculation of Lost Revenues in Exhibit __ (WMT-3).

Note 3: The savings from NorthWestern Energy facilities has been subtracted from the commercial dkt total, resulting in a reduction of Total dkt; and a reduction of the Commercial Percentage of Total Savings.

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
Natural Gas Supply DSM Program Spending and Budget																
Tracker Year 2013-14																
Actual Recorded Spending (July through June) - from SAP Records																
Order	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Total			
5	E+ Natural Gas Residential Existing Construction Program	\$ 49,462	\$ 47,938	\$ 28,746	\$ 91,556	\$ 36,931	\$ 61,679	\$ 56,722	\$ 109,478	\$ 50,013	\$ 3,689	\$ 78,866	\$ 615,082			
6	General Expenses Related to All Gas DSM Programs	\$ 657	\$ 13,355	\$ 204	\$ 174	\$ 54,803	\$ 54,020	\$ 1,987	\$ 1,640	\$ 2,214	\$ 2,531	\$ 27,239	\$ 217,180			
7	E+ Natural Gas Business Partners Program	\$ 391	\$ 431	\$ 2,584	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ 2,642	\$ 6,498	\$ 34,355	\$ 7,631	\$ 143	\$ 43	\$ 78,517		
8	E+ Natural Gas Residential New Construction Program	\$ 1,056	\$ 1,331	\$ 463	\$ 2,193	\$ 760	\$ 1,480	\$ 721	\$ -	\$ 2,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,935	\$ 13,500		
9	E+ Natural Gas Commercial Existing Construction Program	\$ 11,965	\$ 26,306	\$ 2,943	\$ 6,283	\$ 1,700	\$ 6,308	\$ 9,429	\$ 498	\$ 14,214	\$ 3,210	\$ 15,884	\$ 120,089			
10	E+ Natural Gas Commercial New Construction Program	\$ 1,140	\$ 7,183	\$ 336	\$ 9,602	\$ 2,063	\$ 3,276	\$ 703	\$ -	\$ 7,750	\$ 504	\$ -	\$ 921	\$ 33,488		
11	Monthly Total Spending	\$ 64,670	\$ 96,543	\$ 35,276	\$ 110,607	\$ 96,257	\$ 149,764	\$ 72,104	\$ 177,076	\$ 75,644	\$ 9,573	\$ 124,888	\$ 1,077,856			
12	Cumulative Total Spending (for 2013-14 Tracker Year 12+0)	\$ 64,670	\$ 161,213	\$ 196,489	\$ 307,097	\$ 403,354	\$ 553,118	\$ 625,222	\$ 867,751	\$ 943,395	\$ 952,968	\$ 1,077,856	\$ 1,077,856			
Note: Actual Program Expenses through June 30, 2014 as of August 14, 2014																
Tracker Year 2014-15																
Estimated																
Order	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Total			
20	E+ Natural Gas Residential Existing Construction Program	\$ 36,641	\$ 35,953	\$ 21,559	\$ 68,667	\$ 27,698	\$ 46,259	\$ 42,542	\$ 82,109	\$ 37,510	\$ 76,584	\$ 173,939	\$ 649,463			
21	General Expenses Related to All Gas DSM Programs	\$ 155	\$ 6,677	\$ 102	\$ 87	\$ 27,402	\$ 27,010	\$ 944	\$ 29,228	\$ 1,107	\$ 617	\$ 45,497	\$ 139,645			
22	E+ Natural Gas Business Partners Program	\$ 2	\$ 431	\$ 2,584	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ 2,642	\$ 6,498	\$ 34,355	\$ 7,631	\$ -	\$ 77,942			
23	E+ Natural Gas Residential New Construction Program	\$ 5,676	\$ 1,331	\$ 463	\$ 2,193	\$ 760	\$ 1,480	\$ 721	\$ -	\$ 2,493	\$ 1,069	\$ 622	\$ 5,434	\$ 22,241		
24	E+ Natural Gas Commercial Existing Construction Program	\$ 5,111	\$ 26,306	\$ 2,943	\$ 6,283	\$ 1,700	\$ 6,308	\$ 9,429	\$ 498	\$ 14,214	\$ 487	\$ 10,765	\$ 105,393			
25	E+ Natural Gas Commercial New Construction Program	\$ 8,289	\$ 8,747	\$ -	\$ 6,736	\$ -	\$ 1,758	\$ -	\$ 8,416	\$ 2,289	\$ 622	\$ 4,901	\$ 41,738			
26	Monthly Total Spending	\$ 55,853	\$ 79,446	\$ 27,651	\$ 84,766	\$ 57,560	\$ 105,816	\$ 56,277	\$ 149,542	\$ 63,819	\$ 78,932	\$ 240,535	\$ 1,036,423			
27	Estimated Total Spending (for 2014-15 Tracker Year)	\$ 55,853	\$ 135,299	\$ 162,950	\$ 247,716	\$ 305,276	\$ 411,092	\$ 467,369	\$ 653,137	\$ 716,956	\$ 795,888	\$ 1,036,423	\$ 1,036,423			

	B	C	D	E
1	NorthWestern Energy			
2	Unreflected Gas Cost Account			
3	Prior Period Deferred Balance (07/01/12 - 06/30/13) & 2014 Amortizations			
4	Docket No. D2013.5.34, Interim Order No. 7282			
5				
6		Estimates /		True-up
7		Actuals	Variance	Balance
8				
9	Jul12 - Jun13 (Over)/Under-Collected Balance filed in D2013.5.34			\$ 327,399
10				
11	True-up of D2013.5.34 Prior Period Deferred UGCA Balance			
12	May13: Estimated Collection - D2013.5.34	\$ -		
13	May13: Actual Collection	\$ -		\$ -
14				
15	Jun13: Estimated Collection - D2013.5.34	\$ -		
16	Jun13: Actual Collection	\$ -		\$ -
17				
18	True-up of D2013.5.34 Current Period Deferred UGCA Balance			
19	May13: Estimated Revenue - D2013.5.34	\$ 4,999,042		
20	May13: Estimated Expense - D2013.5.34	\$ 4,634,033	\$ 365,009	
21				
22	May13: Actual Revenue	\$ 4,883,627		
23	May13: Actual Expense	\$ 3,024,302	\$ 1,859,325	\$ (1,494,316)
24				
25	Jun13: Estimated Revenue - D2013.5.34	\$ 2,975,410		
26	Jun13: Estimated Expense - D2013.5.34	\$ 3,133,126	\$ (157,716)	
27				
28	Jun13: Actual Revenue	\$ 2,525,854		
29	Jun13: Actual Expense	\$ 3,239,668	\$ (713,815)	\$ 556,099
30				
31	Jul12 - Jun13 (Over)/Under-Collected Balance with True-up			\$ (610,818)
32				
33				
34		Monthly	Collection	Remaining
35	Jul12 - Jun13 Monthly Activity	Collection	to-date	Balance
36	Beginning Balance			\$ (610,818)
37	July-13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
38	August-13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
39	September-13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
40	October-13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
41	November-13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
42	December-13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
43	January-14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
44	February-14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
45	March-14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
46	April-14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
47	May-14 (Actual)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
48	June-14 (Actual)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (610,818)
49				
50	Prior Period Deferred UGCA Balance			\$ (610,818)
51				
52	Current Deferred UGCA Balance			\$ (100,599)
53				
54	Total Deferred UGCA Balance (Initial balance for Jul13 - Jun14 Tracker)			\$ (711,417)

	A	B	C	D
1	NorthWestern Energy			
2	Current Period Unreflected Gas Cost Account Balance			
3	July 2013 - June 2014			
4				
5				
6		Gas Cost	Gas Cost	Deferred
7	Month	Revenues	Expense	Gas Cost
8				
9	July-13	\$ 2,823,599	\$ 1,484,883	\$ (1,338,716)
10				
11	August-13	\$ 1,454,842	\$ 1,531,710	\$ 76,869
12				
13	September-13	\$ 1,396,578	\$ 1,876,873	\$ 480,295
14				
15	October-13	\$ 3,344,559	\$ 5,599,411	\$ 2,254,852
16				
17	November-13	\$ 5,959,392	\$ 8,009,332	\$ 2,049,940
18				
19	December-13	\$ 7,668,724	\$ 10,265,876	\$ 2,597,152
20				
21	January-14	\$ 9,275,339	\$ 9,545,426	\$ 270,088
22				
23	February-14	\$ 9,692,664	\$ 11,841,816	\$ 2,149,152
24				
25	March-14	\$ 10,128,020	\$ 9,591,777	\$ (536,243)
26				
27	April-14	\$ 8,083,322	\$ 6,235,169	\$ (1,848,153)
28				
29	May-14 (Actual)	\$ 6,640,580	\$ 2,302,674	\$ (4,337,906)
30				
31	June-14 (Actual)	\$ 3,826,097	\$ 1,908,170	\$ (1,917,928)
32	(Over)/Under Collected	\$ 70,293,716	\$ 70,193,118	\$ (100,599)

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Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
Set 3 (044-065)

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MCC-045 Regarding: Appendix A and Appendix B
 Witness: Not Applicable

Please provide on compact disk electronic working copies, with all links intact, of Appendix A and Appendix B to NWE's May 29, 2014, Application in this case.

RESPONSE:

See the "MCC-045" folder on the CD attached to MCC-044 for the electronic copies of Appendix A and Appendix B.

NorthWestern Energy
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Natural Gas Tracker

Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
Set 3 (044-065)

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MCC-046 Regarding: DSM Expenses
 Witness: Joe Schwartzenberger

In the testimony at WMT-5, lines 1-20, Mr. Thomas references expenses associated with the “E+ Free Weatherization Program” and the E+ Energy Audit for The Home, and the Building Operator Certification Program.” Please provide separately for each such category of expense the amounts of such expenses for each “Program Period” listed in the table at WMT-4.

RESPONSE:

Please note that this response updates and replaces the response to Data Request MCC-014.

Natural Gas USB Expenses			
Tracker Period	E+ Free Weatherization	E+ Energy Audit for the Home	Building Operator Certification
2005-2006	\$ 580,806.12	\$ 344,800.51	\$ -
2006-2007	\$ 537,933.67	\$ 294,071.80	\$ -
2007-2008	\$ 536,569.93	\$ 370,900.39	\$ -
2008-2009	\$ 791,406.55	\$ 440,801.91	\$ -
2009-2010	\$ 981,326.16	\$ 1,316,074.71	\$ -
2010-2011	\$ 1,425,792.69	\$ 897,835.86	\$ -
2011-2012	\$ 1,372,864.51	\$ 683,344.67	\$ -
2012-2013	\$ 737,166.93	\$ 955,213.11	\$ -
2013-2014	\$ 1,403,285.31	\$ 1,064,299.79	\$ -

Note: Building Operator Certification is funded solely with electric USB dollars. No natural gas USB dollars are used to fund the Building Operator Certification Program.

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Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
Set 3 (044-065)

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MCC-047 Regarding: DSM Expenses
 Witness: Joe Schwartzenberger

At WMT-7, lines 1-8, Mr. Thomas references NWE labor expenses associated with its Natural Gas DSM program. Please provide the actual or estimated cost of NWE labor that is applicable to NWE's 2013-2014 Natural Gas DSM Program.

RESPONSE:

The additional cost of NorthWestern labor that is applicable to NorthWestern's 2013-2014 Natural Gas DSM Program is \$135,310.

NorthWestern Energy
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Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
Set 3 (044-065)

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MCC-048 Regarding: Lost DSM Non-Gas Revenues
 Witness: Joe Schwartzenberger

With respect to Table 1 at page WMT-4, for each “Program Period” shown there, please provide a listing of the following:

- a. NWE’s original estimate of lost annual non-gas revenues associated with the “Target (Dkt)” shown there.
- b. The actual lost annual non-gas revenues associated with the “Reported Savings (Dkt)” shown there.

RESPONSE:

- a. NorthWestern understands the term “lost annual non-gas revenues” to mean “lost revenues” as it uses that term in its filing. Refer to column H in the table below for NorthWestern’s original estimate of lost revenues which are based on the Target savings in Columns B, C and D. This table replaces the one provided in the response to Data Request MCC-016a.

	Target Natural Gas DSM			Natural Gas Lost Revenues			Adjusted Natural Gas DSM			Natural Gas Lost Revenues			
	Target (Dkt)			Natural Gas Lost Revenues			Adjusted Savings (Dkt)			Natural Gas Lost Revenues			
	USB	DSM	Total	Residential	Commercial	Total	USB	DSM	Total	Residential	Commercial	Total	
1	2005-06	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	128,761	128,761	\$ 126,304	\$ -	\$ 126,304
2	2006-07	N/A	114,526	114,526	\$ 364,950	\$ -	\$ 364,950	43,968	69,628	113,596	\$ 475,541	\$ 879	\$ 476,420
3	2007-08	N/A	114,526	114,526	\$ 706,850	\$ -	\$ 706,850	32,156	47,245	79,401	\$ 723,999	\$ 4,974	\$ 728,973
4	2008-09	60,000	115,000	175,000	\$ 433,281	\$ -	\$ 433,281	69,082	52,176	121,258	\$ 280,058	\$ 52,768	\$ 332,826
5	2009-10	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 625,458	\$ 161,419	\$ 786,877	62,584	95,465	158,049	\$ 649,175	\$ 132,296	\$ 781,471
6	2010-11	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 1,053,528	\$ 234,315	\$ 1,287,843	51,452	106,716	158,168	\$ 350,608	\$ 41,951	\$ 392,559
7	2011-12	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 784,491	\$ 185,175	\$ 969,667	48,132	88,254	136,386	\$ 438,976	\$ 65,468	\$ 504,444
8	2012-13	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 1,163,854	\$ 288,956	\$ 1,452,810	27,296	75,315	102,611	\$ 509,678	\$ 92,692	\$ 602,371
9	2013-14	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 259,230	\$ 62,642	\$ 321,872	26,009	41,151	67,160	\$ 125,179	\$ 28,819	\$ 153,998
10	2014-15	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 413,338	\$ 100,009	\$ 513,347						

- b. Refer to column P in the table above for NorthWestern’s actual lost revenues. Recovery of DSM lost revenues for program year July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 was not requested until Docket No. D2006.5.58 and calculations were based on savings at that time. The corresponding columns of Table 1 at page WMT-4 for program year 2005-2006 are corrected by this response. NorthWestern computes lost revenues based on adjusted savings. The adjusted savings for 2006-2007 through 2013-2014 are based on the 2012 SBW Evaluation and supplemental testimony filed in consolidated Dockets D2013.5.34 and D2014.5.47. This replaces the answer provided in response to Data Request MCC-016b.

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MCC-049 Regarding: DSM Gas Cost Savings
 Witness: Joe Schwartzenberger

With respect to Table 1 at page WMT-5, for each “Program Period” shown there, please provide a listing of the following:

- a. NWE’s original estimate of the annual gas cost savings to be realized from the “Target (Dkt)” DSM savings shown there.
- b. NWE’s estimate of the actual annual gas cost savings to be realized from the “Reported (DSM) Savings (Dkt)” shown there.

RESPONSE:

- a. Please note that this data request should refer to the table on page WMT-4. Please refer to column E in the table below. The estimated annual natural gas cost savings is based on the average annual natural gas costs provided in response to Data Request MCC-050. This replaces the answer provided in response to Data Request MCC-017a.

Program Period	Installed Annual Natural Gas DSM Capability (Incremental)				Adjusted Savings (Dkt)				Natural Gas Supply Tracker		
	Target (Dkt)								Budget	Expenses	
	USB	DSM	Total	Estimated Annual Gas Cost Savings	USB	DSM	Total	Estimated Annual Gas Cost Savings			
1	2005-06	-	-	-	\$ -	-	128,761	128,761	\$ 1,063,813	\$1,125,000	\$1,015,679
2	2006-07	N/A	114,526	114,526	\$ 724,482	43,968	69,628	113,596	\$ 718,600	\$ 800,000	\$ 538,155
3	2007-08	N/A	114,526	114,526	\$ 837,923	32,156	47,245	79,401	\$ 580,935	\$ 698,030	\$ 611,083
4	2008-09	60,000	115,000	175,000	\$ 1,241,224	69,082	52,176	121,258	\$ 860,049	\$ 738,440	\$2,004,142
5	2009-10	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 1,057,185	62,584	95,465	158,049	\$ 795,651	\$2,300,000	\$2,202,148
6	2010-11	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 1,062,461	51,452	106,716	158,168	\$ 800,227	\$2,435,365	\$2,749,631
7	2011-12	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 950,330	48,132	88,254	136,386	\$ 617,197	\$2,608,266	\$2,610,722
8	2012-13	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 779,488	27,296	75,315	102,611	\$ 380,875	\$3,834,360	\$1,942,220
9	2013-14	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 721,770	26,009	41,151	67,160	\$ 230,829	\$2,940,986	\$1,077,856
10	2014-15	60,000	150,000	210,000	\$ 662,130					\$1,036,423	

- b. Please see the response to part a, above. The estimated actual natural gas cost savings in column J are calculated based on adjusted savings as explained in the response to Data Request MCC-048b. This replaces the answer provided in response to Data Request MCC-017b.

NorthWestern Energy
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Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
Set 3 (044-065)

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MCC-050 Regarding: DSM Gas Cost Savings
 Witness: John Smith

Please provide NWE's actual average commodity cost of purchased gas, in \$/Dkt, that the Company saved per Dkt of reported DSM savings, for each "Program Period" shown in the table at WMT-4.

RESPONSE:

See the table below. This replaces and updates the answer provided in response to Data Request MCC-018.

Average Natural Gas Commodity Cost

Program Period	Actual Expense divided by Billed Market (\$/Dkt)	
2005/2006	\$8.262	
2006/2007	\$6.326	
2007/2008	\$7.316	
2008/2009	\$7.093	
2009/2010	\$5.034	
2010/2011	\$5.059	
2011/2012	\$4.525	
2012/2013	\$3.712	
2013/2014	\$3.437	
2014/2015	\$3.153	estimate

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Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)
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MCC-051 Regarding: Lost DSM Revenues
 Witness: Joe Schwartzenberger

Please provide NWE's actual DSM lost revenues collected from residential ratepayers in each "Program Period" shown in the table at WMT-4.

RESPONSE:

Please note that this response replaces and updates the answer provided in response to Data Request MCC-019.

NorthWestern maintains detailed DSM program data on which it bases its lost revenue computations. However, in the natural gas tracker, all components of cost are summed together, and a single natural gas supply rate is calculated. Individual rates are not determined for individual components of cost in the tracker. Therefore, once supply rates are established, NorthWestern does not have the detail to determine actual revenues collected for individual cost items, including lost revenues.

Fair representations of lost revenues collected from residential and commercial ratepayers are shown in columns F and G, respectively, of the table provided in response to Data Request MCC-048a. Please note that an estimated \$126,304 in lost revenues from the 2005-2006 period were also collected from residential customers in the 2006-2007 period. These values do not include any over- or under-collection of revenues reflected in the deferred account balance each year. Also, see the response to Data Request MCC-048b.

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MCC-052 Regarding: Lost DSM Revenues
 Witness: Joe Schwartzenberger

Please provide NWE's actual DSM lost revenues collected from commercial ratepayers in each "Program Period" shown in the table at WMT-4.

RESPONSE:

Please note that this replaces and updates the answer provided in response to Data Request MCC-020.

See the response to Data Request MCC-051.

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MCC-053 Regarding: NWE Owned Production
 Witness: John Smith/Pat DiFronzo

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, line 48, please provide the total cost of service, in dollars, and the total Dkt quantity of Battle Creek gas production, used to produce the \$/Dkt figure for the Battle Creek revenue requirement.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request PSC-040a.

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MCC-054 Regarding: NWE Owned Production
 Witness: John Smith/Pat DiFronzo

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, line 51, please provide the total cost of service, in dollars, and the total Dkt quantity of Bear Paw gas production, used to produce the \$/Dkt figure for the Bear Paw revenue requirement.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request PSC-041a.

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MCC-055 Regarding: NWE Owned Production
 Witness: John Smith/Pat DiFronzo

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, line 54, please provide the total cost of service, in dollars, and the total Dkt quantity of Devon gas production, used to produce the \$/Dkt figure for the Devon revenue requirement.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request PSC-042a.

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MCC-056 Regarding: NWE Owned Production
 Witness: John Smith

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, please provide the Dkt quantity of Battle Creek gas production, the Battle Creek production-related taxes, in dollars, and the Battle Creek royalties, in dollars, used to produce the NWE Owned Production Dkt quantity and dollar amounts shown at line 24.

RESPONSE:

For the 2014/2015 tracking year, Battle Creek production was estimated to be 416,688 Dkt. Battle Creek production-related taxes were estimated to be 34% of the cost which equals \$106,769. Battle Creek royalty payments were estimated to be 66% of the cost which equals \$207,258.

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MCC-057 Regarding: NWE Owned Production
 Witness: John Smith

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, please provide the Dkt quantity of Bear Paw gas production, the Bear Paw production-related taxes, in dollars, and the Bear Paw royalties, in dollars, used to produce the NWE Owned Production Dkt quantity and dollar amounts shown at line 24.

RESPONSE:

For the 2014/2015 tracking year, Bear Paw gas production was estimated to be 733,908 Dkt. The Bear Paw production-related taxes were estimated at 38% of the cost which equals \$210,171. The Bear Paw royalty payments were estimated to be 62% of the cost which equals \$342,911. These estimates were prepared prior to the development of the revised "NorthWestern Equity and Royalty First" allocation.

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MCC-058 Regarding: NWE Owned Production
 Witness: John Smith

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, please provide the Dkt quantity of Devon gas production, the Devon production-related taxes, in dollars, and the Devon royalties, in dollars, used to produce the NWE Owned Production Dkt quantity and dollar amounts shown at line 24.

RESPONSE:

For the 2014/2015 tracking year, the Devon gas production was estimated to be 4,809,939 Dkt. The Devon production-related taxes were estimated to be 40% of the cost which equals \$1,691,240. The Devon royalty payments were estimated to be 60% of the cost which equals \$2,536,859. These estimates were prepared prior to the development of the revised "NorthWestern Equity and Royalty First" allocation.

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MCC-059 Regarding: Intra Montana Purchases
 Witness: John Smith

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, line 26, please provide the total Dkt, \$/Dkt, and total dollars associated with NWE's gas purchases from Battle Creek 3rd-party producers.

RESPONSE:

Line 26 of Exhibit__ (JMS-2) denotes the Intra-Montana Purchases. Battle Creek third party purchases are included with the Havre Pipeline data on line 18. The Battle Creek third party estimates are listed below.

Dkt – 541,612
Total \$ - \$2,179,710
\$/Dkt - \$4.024

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MCC-060 Regarding: Intra Montana Purchases
 Witness: John Smith

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, line 26, please provide the total Dkt, \$/Dkt, and total dollars associated with NWE's gas purchases from Bear Paw 3rd-party producers.

RESPONSE:

Line 26 of Exhibit__ (JMS-2) denotes the Intra-Montana Purchases. Bear Paw third party purchases are included with the Havre Pipeline data on line 18. The Bear Paw third party estimates are listed below.

Dkt - 474,667
Total \$ - \$1,874,123
\$/Dkt - \$3.948

These estimates were prepared prior to the development of the revised "NorthWestern Equity and Royalty First" allocation.

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MCC-061 Regarding: Intra Montana Purchases
 Witness: John Smith

With respect to original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, line 26, please provide the total Dkt, \$/Dkt, and total dollars associated with NWE's gas purchases from Devon 3rd-party producers.

RESPONSE:

Line 26 of Exhibit__ (JMS-2) denotes the Intra-Montana Purchases. Devon third party purchases are included with the Havre Pipeline data on line 18. The Devon third party estimates are listed below.

Dkt – 1,435,910
Total \$ - \$5,669,386
\$/Dkt - \$3.948

These estimates were prepared prior to the development of the revised "NorthWestern Equity and Royalty First" allocation.

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MCC-062 Regarding: Gas Supply Market Prices
 Witness: John Smith

Please provide the gas supply market price forecast that was used to develop the gas supply costs presented in original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2.

RESPONSE:

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MCC-063 Regarding: Gas Supply Market Prices
 Witness: John Smith

Please provide the gas supply market price forecast that was used to develop the gas supply costs presented in Exhibit JMS-3Sup.

RESPONSE:

Exhibit __ (JMS-3 Sup) includes 12 months of actual production and cost data; no gas supply market price forecast was used when compiling the data.

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MCC-064 Regarding: Original Exhibit ___ (JMS-2)
 Witness: John Smith

Please provide a revised version of original (D2014.5.47) Exhibit JMS-2, including lines 45 – 58, that reflects any changes or revisions resulting from Mr. Smith’s Supplemental testimony and exhibits.

RESPONSE:

NorthWestern did not change or make any revisions to Exhibit __ (JMS-2) in Docket No. D2014.5.47. The changes and revisions resulting from the revised “NorthWestern Equity and Royalty First” allocation were implemented in December 2014 when the November 2014 Deferred Account Balance was reduced by \$1,154,881. This adjustment and the subsequent change to the January 2015 monthly natural gas tracker filing (transmittal letter dated December 15, 2014) was discussed in my supplemental testimony on pages JMS-6 and JMS-7, starting on line 8 of page JMS-6 and continuing to the end of my supplemental testimony. The detailed backup and explanation for this adjustment is contained in the entirety of Exhibit __ (JMS-2 Sup), pages 1–8.

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MCC-065 Regarding: Production Allocation Resolution
 Witness: John Smith

Did the resolution to the issue of the allocation of production gas involve any changes in the physical flow of gas or was it strictly a change to accounting allocations?

RESPONSE:

The changes made using the “NorthWestern Equity and Royalty First” allocation method were strictly changes in the production allocation methods and the accounting adjustments discussed in Exhibit__ (JMS-2 Sup). Since November of 2014, NorthWestern has reduced the amount of gas that is being delivered off-system at Loomis. The efforts to reduce the delivery of this off-system gas will continue.