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February 6, 2015

Mr. Joe Schwartzberger
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NorthWestern Energy
40 East Broadway
Butte, MT 59701

RE: Data requests in Dockets D2013.5.34 and D2014.5.47

Dear Mr. Schwartzberger,

Enclosed please find data requests of the Montana Public Service Commission to NorthWestern Energy (NWE) numbered PSC-040 through PSC-043 in the above-referenced Docket. Please begin the response to each new numbered data request on a new page. Please provide responses by February 23, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 444-6191.

Sincerely,

Neil Templeton
Regulatory Division
Montana Public Service Commission

Service Date: February 6, 2015

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

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)
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DATA REQUESTS PSC-040 THROUGH PSC-043 OF THE
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
TO
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

PSC-040

Regarding: Battle Creek Total Owned Production and Costs
Witness: Smith

- a. Please estimate total cost of service from NorthWestern owned Battle Creek production in 2012-13 and 2013-14. Please provide electronic worksheets to support your estimates.
- b. Please estimate the total cost per dekatherm to NorthWestern customers of Battle Creek production in 2012-13 and 2013-14, including costs recovered or expected to be recovered through fixed and variable rates. Please provide electronic worksheets to support your estimates.
- c. Please provide royalty production, royalty payments, and production taxes on NorthWestern owned Battle Creek production in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

PSC-041

Regarding: NFR Total Owned Production and Costs
Witness: Smith

- a. Please estimate total cost of service from NorthWestern owned NFR production in 2012-13 and 2013-14. Please provide electronic worksheets to support the estimates.
- b. Please estimate the total cost per dekatherm to NorthWestern customers of NFR production in 2012-13 and 2013-14, including costs recovered or expected to be recovered through fixed and variable rates. Please provide electronic worksheets to support your estimates.
- c. Please provide royalty payments and production taxes on NorthWestern owned NFR production in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

PSC-042

Regarding: Devon Total Owned Production and Costs
Witness: Smith

- a. Please estimate total cost of service from NorthWestern owned Devon production in 2013-14. Please provide electronic worksheets to support your estimates.
- b. Please estimate the total cost per dekatherm to NorthWestern customers of Devon 2013-14 production, including costs recovered or expected to be recovered through fixed and variable rates. Please provide electronic worksheets to support the estimate.
- c. Please provide royalty payments and production taxes on NorthWestern owned Devon production in 2013-14.
- d. With exception of a significant drop in February 2014, total owned 2013-14 Devon production in the revised analysis appears more consistent than total owned Devon production in the original analysis. Please explain.

PSC-043

Regarding: Accounting Adjustments
Witness: Smith

- a. Please describe the \$754,519 NFR third party adjustment found on page 6 of 8, Exhibit_(JMS-2 Sup).
- b. Please describe the \$935,091 prior year adjustment described in your prefiled direct testimony at JMS-7:5-8.
- c. Please derive or otherwise explain the May and June values of \$59,839 compared with the August-April values of \$(26,823) found at Exhibit_(JMS-1)-2:15.