

Service Date: April 18, 2016

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

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of) REGULATORY DIVISION
Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC to Set Contract)
Terms and Conditions for a Qualifying Small) DOCKET NO. D2015.8.64
Power Production Facility)

NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

On August 17, 2015, Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC (“Greycliff”) filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a *Petition to Have Commission Set Contract Terms and Conditions Pursuant to MCA 69-3-603* (“Petition”). On August 20, 2015, the Commission issued a *Notice of Petition and Intervention Deadline*, with an intervention deadline of September 3, 2015. On September 4, 2015, Greycliff filed with the Commission a *Motion for Summary Judgment on the Legal Issue of Whether NorthWestern Energy has an Obligation to Negotiate in the Absence of All Source Competitive Solicitation Set Forth in ARM 38.5.1902(5)*. On September 9, 2015, the Commission granted intervention to the Montana Consumer Counsel (“MCC”) and NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”). On September 10, 2015, the Commission issued *Procedural Order 7436*.

On September 18, 2015, Greycliff filed the *Prefiled Direct Testimony of Robert Stanton Walker*. After Greycliff’s *Motion for Summary Judgment* was fully briefed, the Commission held an oral argument on November 4, 2015. On January 15, 2016, the Commission issued *Order No. 7463b*. In *Order No. 7463b* the Commission denied Greycliff’s *Motion for Summary Judgment* and directed NorthWestern and Greycliff to negotiate for at least thirty days "in an effort to mutually agree to contract terms and conditions, including an avoided cost rate, beginning on the service date of this Order". Order No. 7463b ¶ 23 (Jan. 15, 2016).

On December 7, 2015, NorthWestern filed its *Objections to Data Requests Served on November 25, 2015 by Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC, and the Montana Public Service Commission*. After the matter was fully briefed, the Commission held a regularly scheduled

work session on April 5, 2016 to discuss and act on Northwestern's objections. NorthWestern objected to data requests GWP-006(a), GWP-006(c), GWP-007, GWP-010(a), and GWP-010(c) on the basis that the requests seek voluminous information and impose undue expense and unreasonable burden on NorthWestern. The Commission ruled to sustain in part and overrule in part NorthWestern's objections to Greycliff's data requests. The Commission agrees that the requests seek voluminous information. The Commission directs the parties to work together to narrow the scope of the requests and provide responses that do not cause undue expense and unreasonable burden upon NorthWestern. Rather than providing complete hourly data, NorthWestern should provide a random sampling of hourly data. NorthWestern also objected to PSC-020(b), PSC-024, and PSC-025. The Commission hereby withdraws the above identified data requests.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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