



August 4, 2016

Mr. Will Rosquist  
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 Montana Public Service Commission  
 1701 Prospect Avenue  
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**Re: Tariff Letter No. 302-E**

Dear Mr. Rosquist:

Enclosed for filing is a revised Qualifying Facility Power Purchase QF-1 tariff per Order No. 7500 in Docket No. D2016.5.39. This change reflects the temporary suspension of the QF-1 Option 1(a) rate for solar projects greater than 100 kW as specified in the Order.

This tariff change is effective for service on and after June 16, 2016. Below are the Electric tariff sheets being filed for the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) approval.

<u>NWE Sheet Number</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling NWE Sheet Number</u>
236 <sup>th</sup> Revised 1.1	Table of Contents	235 <sup>th</sup> Revised 1.1
182 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 1.2	Table of Contents	181 <sup>st</sup> Revised 1.2
7 <sup>th</sup> Revised 74.2	Schedule No. QF-1	6 <sup>th</sup> Revised 74.2

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If there are any questions, please call me at (406) 497-3362.

Sincerely,

  
 Joe Schwartzenberger  
 Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures



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Canceling 236<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1  
235<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1

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The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates, rules and regulations affecting rates, service and information relating thereto in effect on and after the date indicated thereon.

<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>MPSC Sheet No.</u>
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Table of Contents	236 <sup>th</sup> Revised 1.1; 182 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 1.2; and 13 <sup>th</sup> Revised 1.3
<u>PRELIMINARY STATEMENT</u>	
PART A – Recovery Mechanism Local Government Fees	Original 2.1
PART B – Electric Cost and Deferred Accounting Provision	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 2.2 thru 2.3 and Original 2.4
PART C - State and Local Taxes and Fees Cost Recovery, Tracking and Deferred Accounting Mechanism	Original 2.5 thru 2.7

RATE SCHEDULES

<u>Schedule No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>MPSC Sheet No</u>
EBS-1	Electric Billing Service	Original 6.1
REDS-1	Residential Electric Delivery Service	45 <sup>th</sup> Revised 10.1; 6 <sup>th</sup> Revised 10.2; 4 <sup>th</sup> Revised 10.3
RSGTOUD-1	Residential Smart Grid Time-of-Use Demonstration	Original 11.1 and 11.2
GSEDS-1	General Service Electric Delivery Service	25 <sup>th</sup> Revised 20.1; 44 <sup>th</sup> Revised 20.2; 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 20.3, Original 20.4
GSEDS-2	General Service Substation/Transmission Electric Delivery Service	25 <sup>th</sup> Revised 21.1; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 21.2, 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 21.3
ISEDS-1	Irrigation Pumping & Sprinkling Electric Delivery Service	45 <sup>th</sup> Revised 30.1; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 30.2, 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 30.3
ELDS-1	Electric Lighting Delivery Service	25 <sup>th</sup> Revised 40.1; 41 <sup>st</sup> Revised 40.2; 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 40.3, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 40.4, 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 40.5 thru 40.6

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ESS-1	Electricity Supply Service	154 <sup>th</sup> Revised 60.1; 26 <sup>th</sup> Revised 60.2; 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 60.3 and 60.4
CTC-QF-1	Competitive Transition Charge for Qualifying Facilities	14 <sup>th</sup> Revised 61.1; Original 61.2
CESGTC-1	Competitive Electric Supply General Terms and Conditions	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 63.1; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 63.2 Original 63.3 and 63.4
ECCGP-1	Electric Customer Choice Guidelines and Procedures	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 64.1 thru 64.6
EESS-1	Electric Emergency Supply Service	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 65.1 and 65.2
EGPS-1	Electric Green Power Service	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 66.1 and 66.2
QFLT-1	Qualifying Facility/Long-Term Power Purchase	Original 70.1 thru 70.3 19 <sup>th</sup> Revised 70.4
LTQF-1	Long-Term Qualifying Power Purchase Facility	Original 73.1 thru 73.12
QF-1	Qualifying Facility Power Purchase	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised 74.1 7 <sup>th</sup> Revised 74.2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised 74.3 Original 74.4 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 74.5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 74.6
LTTP-1	Cogeneration/SPP – Long-Term Power Purchase	Original 75.1 thru 75.3
WI-1	Wind Integration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 80.1 and 80.2
CR-1	Contingency Reserves	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised 85.1 and 85.2

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Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 74.2  
6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 74.2

Schedule No. QF-1

QUALIFYING FACILITY POWER PURCHASE

**Option 1(a):** Non-Wind Installations Only: Agreement lengths: 19 months to 25 years – long-term.

RATE:

Energy (\$/kWh):  
Off-Peak Hours           \$ 0.05314  
  
On-Peak Hours:           \$ 0.09273

Payments: Rate x kWh metered during each Off-Peak Hours and On-Peak Hours period.

kWh = Metered kilowatt-hours supplied to the Utility for each Off-Peak Hours and On-Peak Hours period.

Per Order No. 7500 in Docket No. D2016.5.39, as of June 16, 2016, the above QF-1 Option 1(a) rate is temporarily suspended for solar projects greater than 100 kW except for QFs that had submitted a signed (by the QF) PPA and had signed a final Small Generator Interconnection Agreement on or before June 16, 2016. The terms of this Order will expire as of the service date of a Final Order in this proceeding unless prior to the service date of a Final Order the Commission decides to vacate this Order.

**Option 1(b):** Agreement lengths: 1 month to 18 months – short-term.

RATE:

Energy (\$/kWh):       \$ 0.03347

Payments:     Hourly Rate x Hourly kWh

kWh = Metered kilowatt hours supplied to the Utility in each hour.

**Option 1(c):** Wind Installations Only: Agreement lengths: 19 months to 25 years – long-term.

RATE:

Off-Peak Hours:       \$ 0.05314  
On-Peak Hours:       \$ 0.05850

Payments:     Hourly Rate x Hourly kWh

kWh = Metered kilowatt hours supplied to the Utility in each hour.

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