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Ms. Kate Whitney, Regulatory Division
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RE: Docket N2012.1.1 NorthWestern Energy 2011 Compliance Filing Regarding Electricity Suppliers That Used NorthWestern Energy's Transmission and/or Distribution Facilities To Deliver Electricity To Retail Customers In Montana During 2010

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Attached are the original and 10 copies of NorthWestern Energy's ("NWE" or "NorthWestern") report regarding electricity suppliers that used NorthWestern's transmission and/or distribution facilities to deliver electricity to retail customers in Montana during 2010 in accordance with the Administrative Rules of Montana ("ARM") 38.5.8301. Because it is voluminous, a CD and one paper copy of Attachment 4 are being provided to the Montana Public Service Commission and the Montana Consumer Counsel.

The format of Attachments 1 through 4 has not changed from the updated 2010 filing that we made in September 2011.

Attachment 1 includes a list of electricity suppliers that used NorthWestern's delivery system(s) to serve retail customers in Montana during 2010.

Attachment 2 presents the total number of retail choice customers for each month of 2010. The monthly counts are shown by rate class.

Attachment 3 shows energy sales to retail choice customers in megawatt hours for 2010 by customer class by month.

Attachment 4 in this filing includes multiple records for each choice service point including energy and billing demands for each month of 2010. Each record contains a unique ID for each customer location, the revenue year and month, the service number, the rate, usage in kilowatt hours, peak demand in kilowatts, the rate description, the supplier name, and the supplier account number. Multiple services at a customer location will have the same unique ID with different service numbers. In most cases each customer service location has one record for each month. However, there may be more than one record per month if there are multiple reads and/or adjustments during the month. NWE does not possess supplier account numbers for all

records because certain suppliers did not provide account numbers for all service points to NWE as part of the choice enrollment process. In these instances, the supplier account is reported as a blank. This occurs in approximately 1% of the records.

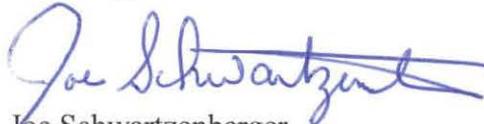
In this filing, NorthWestern offers the following regarding questions from Commission staff and the affected suppliers concerning data for several choice service points included in Attachment 4 to NWE's September 29, 2011 filing in Docket N2011.1.1:

The supplier for service points 1339 and 1342 has been corrected from Powerex to PPL EnergyPlus in attachment 4. The supplier for service point 47739 has been corrected from PPL EnergyPlus to PPL Treasure State in in attachment 4.

Service points 1339, 1341, 1342 and 1626 are separate meters that are served in conjunction with other meters for the same customer under a single transmission agreement. The load for the transmission agreement is greater than 5 MW. There is a single supplier for this transmission agreement and a single bill is issued for transmission services.

If there are any questions in this regard, I can be reached at (406) 497-3362.

Sincerely,



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Director of Regulatory Affairs

CC: Montana Consumer Counsel

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Attachment 1

North Western Energy
Suppliers to Retail Load Customers During 2010

Avista Corporation (Colstrip Partners)
ConocoPhillips Company
Electric City Power (City of Great Falls)
PPL Energy Plus
PPL Treasure State
Southern Montana Electric G&T Cooperative
Western Area Power Administration – Upper Great Plains Marketing
Town of Philipsburg

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Attachment 2

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Choice Accounts By Rate Class 2010

Active Choice

Class	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10
GS Primary	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
GS Secondary	339	339	339	338	338	337	336	336	336	335	335	334
GS Substation	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
GS Transmission	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
GS Transmission - Spec	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Irrigation	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lighting	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	303	303	302	302	302
Residential	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
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Attachment 3

TABLE 2

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NorthWestern Energy Retail Choice Sales in MWH

Class	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Total
Residential Choice	13	11	9	9	9	8	10	13	11	9	9	10	121
GS Secondary Choice	6,877	7,033	6,415	6,572	6,608	6,913	6,899	7,697	7,450	7,004	6,555	7,080	83,103
GS Primary Choice	6,098	7,382	7,097	7,549	7,349	7,532	7,882	6,309	6,303	5,699	6,339	5,724	81,263
GS Substation Choice	149,875	141,231	123,006	121,135	148,082	133,924	135,037	142,917	144,005	136,670	131,964	134,310	1,642,156
GS Transmission Choice	5,988	7,063	6,801	7,166	6,628	6,802	6,544	6,863	7,039	6,496	7,669	6,722	81,781
Irrigation Choice	0	4	0	0	19	36	19	36	25	22	0	0	162
Lighting Choice	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	4,383
GS Transmission Choice -Special	54,686	61,388	56,970	61,789	63,044	58,908	54,010	59,014	62,194	60,578	65,493	63,967	722,042
Total Choice Usage	223,903	224,476	200,664	204,586	232,103	214,488	210,766	223,214	227,392	216,845	218,395	218,178	2,615,010