

publicly available to file a motion for protective order no later than August 26, 2011. *See* Notice of Comm. Action & Motion Deadline, Docket N2011.1.1 (July 8, 2011). The Commission received no motions in response to the Notice. On September 30, 2011, NorthWestern re-filed its 2010 Restructured Utility Report setting forth the retail sales and loads by customer of each electricity supplier in 2009. *See* NorthWestern's Updated Renewable Portfolio Standard Compliance Filing, Docket N2011.1.1, Attachment 4 (Sept. 30, 2011).

By March 31, 2012, NorthWestern will file its 2011 Restructured Utility Report setting forth the retail sales and loads by customer of each electricity supplier in 2010. Once filed at the Commission, this information will be readily ascertainable by proper means. An electricity supplier that wishes to prevent its customers' retail sales and loads from becoming publicly available must file a motion for protective order **no later than March 20, 2012**.

A motion for protective order "must make a *prima facie* showing of confidentiality" based on the requirements in Section 38.2.5007 of the Administrative Rules of Montana. Because NorthWestern will file the supplier names and associated account number(s) annually "in response to routine or repetitive reporting requirements," a supplier may request a "term protective order" effective for up to four years. Admin. R. Mont. 38.2.5004.

By the March 20, 2012, deadline, an electricity supplier filing a motion for protective order must: (1) Submit the motion electronically (e-file) on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" under "Electronic Documents" tab); and (2) physically deliver or mail the original motion to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601. The Commission will not post an e-filed motion to its website until it receives the original from the movant.

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