

Service Date: June 1, 2012

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

IN THE MATTER of Inquiry by the Montana) REGULATORY DIVISION
Public Service Commission, Graceful Systems,)
LLC and Bench Mark Heuristics, LLC into)
Best Practices for Electricity Resource Planning) DOCKET NO. N2012.5.56

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a public workshop to discuss research into best practices for electricity resource planning on **Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.**, and **Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Commission's Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana.

On October 12, 2011, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) issued a *Request for Proposals from States to Receive Capacity Assistance at their State Public Utility Commissions*. At a regular work session on October 25, 2011, the Commission voted unanimously to submit a proposal for assistance with electricity planning research and rule revisions. The Commission submitted a proposal on October 28, 2011, and NARUC issued a *Request for Qualifications for Capacity Assistance in Montana* on December 21, 2011. At a work session on February 14, 2012, the Commission voted 3 to 2 to accept assistance from Graceful Systems, LLC and Bench Mark Heuristics, LLC. At the public workshop, they will present research and facilitate discussion of the best planning practices in other states and Montana.

Documents pertaining to this inquiry are available for inspection at the Commission's business offices at the above address and on its website at <http://psc.mt.gov> under Docket N2012.5.56.

Anyone needing an accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199 at least one week before the date of the meeting. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate

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individual impairments.

The Commission initially notices proceedings through use of general service lists. An interested person who wishes to receive all subsequent notices and documents through the service list for this docket must notify the Commission in writing before the public workshop.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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