

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

IN THE MATTER OF the Complaint of)	REGULATORY DIVISION
James T. and Elizabeth A. Gruba,)	
Leo G. and Jeanne R. Barsanti, and)	DOCKET NO. D2010.2.14
Michael W. and Frances E. Paterson)	
on Behalf of Themselves and)	
Other Similarly Situated,)	
)	
Complainants,)	
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v.)	
)	
NorthWestern Energy,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

At 10:24 pm on January 27, 2014, Complainants’ attorney served via e-mail to parties and the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) staff, Complainants’ First Request for Admissions and First Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents (collectively “Discovery”) directed to NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requiring responses from NorthWestern within 30 days. The Discovery documents were subsequently received by the Public Service Commission (Commission) in hardcopy and posted to the Commission website. Also on the evening of January 27, 2014, Complainants’ attorney e-mailed to Commission staff a Request for Subpoena Duces Tecum. This document was subsequently received in hardcopy and posted to the website.

On February 4, 2014, NorthWestern served and filed its Objection to Complainants’ First Request for Admissions and First Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents. NorthWestern also served and filed Comments regarding Complainants’ Request for the Commission to Issue a Subpoena Duces Tecum. In response, on February 5, 2014, Complainants’ attorney served on opposing counsel and Commission staff via e-mail their

Comments Regarding NorthWestern Energy's Objections to Complainants' First Request for Admissions, Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents and their Comments Regarding NorthWestern Energy's Comments Concerning Complainants' Subpoena Request. Hardcopies were subsequently received and posted to the website.

On February 25, 2014, the Commission held a work session to discuss and act on NorthWestern's Objection to Complainants' Discovery and Complainants' Request for a Subpoena. The Commission overrules NorthWestern's Objection to Complainants' Discovery. The Commission grants NorthWestern **21 calendar days from the service date of this order** to serve and file their responses to Complainants' Discovery. The Commission denies Complainants' Request for a Subpoena. The Commission suspends Order No. 7084g until an Amended Procedural Order is issued by the Commission through delegation of authority to staff.

Notice of commission action done and dated the 25th day of February, 2014.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

W. A. (BILL) GALLAGHER, Chairman
BOB LAKE, Vice-Chair
KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner