

Service Date: April 17, 2014

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 Others	)	
Similarly Situated,	)	
	)	
Complainants,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
NorthWestern Energy,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION**

On January 16, 2014, the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) through delegation of authority to staff, issued a Procedural Order in Docket No. D2010.2.14. See Order No. 7084g. On February 25, 2014, the Commission issued a Notice of Commission Action suspending Order No. 7084g. On March 7, 2014, the Commission, through delegation of authority to staff, issued an Amended Procedural Order. See Or. 7084h.

Since the issuance of the Amended Procedural Order, Complainants and Defendant have filed numerous motions. Complainants have also requested oral argument on at least some of their motions. Adequate time is needed for the parties to fully brief all outstanding motions, to schedule and hear oral argument, if the Commission so chooses, and for the Commission to render rulings on all outstanding motions. As such, Order No. 7084 is hereby suspended. All yet to occur dates are vacated. All past deadlines remain in effect. This suspension remains in effect until a Second Amended Procedural Order is issued by the Commission through delegation of authority to staff.

In addition, parties are to abide by the following briefing schedule:

- (a) April 30, 2014: NorthWestern's Reply to Complainants' Objection to Motion to Strike due.
- (b) May 7, 2014: NorthWestern's Response to Complainants' Motion to Compel due.
- (c) May 19, 2014: NorthWestern's Response to Complainants' Motion for Interim Rate Decrease due.
- (d) May 21, 2014: Complainants' Reply to NorthWestern's Response to Complainants' Motion to Compel due.
- (e) May 23, 2014: NorthWestern's Response to Complainants' Motion for Class Certification due.
- (f) May 28, 2014: NorthWestern's Response to Complainants' Motion Asking the PSC to Require NorthWestern to Implement LED Street Lighting or to Reduce Tariff Energy Charge due.
- (g) June 2, 2014: Complainants' Reply to NorthWestern's Response to Complainants' Motion for Interim Rate Decrease due.
- (h) June 6, 2014: Complainants' Reply to NorthWestern's Response to Complainants' Motion for Class Certification due.
- (i) June 11, 2014: Complainants' Reply to NorthWestern's Response to Complainants' Motion Asking the PSC to Require NorthWestern to Implement LED Street Lighting or to Reduce Tariff Energy Charge due.

If additional motions are filed by either party, parties shall follow the rules regarding responsive pleadings found in ARM 38.2.1208 unless the Commission or, through delegation of authority, the Commission staff, issues a Notice establishing an alternative briefing schedule.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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