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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's Petition for a Waiver from Compliance with the Community Renewable Energy Project Purchase Obligation for Calendar Year 2016

REGULATORY DIVISION

Docket No. D2017.8.65

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's Consolidated Petition for a Waiver from Compliance with the Community Renewable Energy Project Purchase Obligation for Calendar Year 2015 and for a Declaratory Ruling regarding the Administrative Penalty contained in Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-2004(10)

Docket No. D2016.4.33

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROVIDE  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO  
EMPLOYEE EXPERTS**

Pursuant to Admin. R. Mont. 38.2.5024, and in anticipation that the Commission will grant NorthWestern's motions for protective orders in Docket Nos. D2016.4.33 and D2017.8.65, Intervenor Montana Environmental Information Center ("MEIC") and NW Energy Coalition submit this notice of intent to provide confidential information to Brian Fadie, an employee expert of MEIC, and to Diego Rivas, an employee expert of NW Energy Coalition. Confidential information will be provided to these employee experts in compliance with the governing protective order once issued which will include filing Nondisclosure Agreements signed by each employee expert. To avoid a need to revise the procedural order in this proceeding, MEIC and NW Energy Coalition respectfully request that NorthWestern serve its statement indicating no objection or its objection as expeditiously as possible.

The following information for each employee expert is submitted in accordance with Mont. Admin R. 38.2.5024(1)(a):

## **MEIC Employee Expert**

### **Name**

Brian Fadie

### **Title**

Clean Energy Program Director

### **Job Description**

- Lead MEIC in the development and implementation of a science-based program that results in adoption of innovative policies and results in increased conservation of energy and development of renewable sources of energy;
- Lobby on energy and other issues as necessary at the Montana Legislature and, when necessary, the U.S. Congress;
- Prepare written and visual materials, such as policy papers, fact sheets, action alerts, newsletter articles, and social media communications that demonstrate the importance and benefits of clean energy development;
- Coordinate with state, regional, and national organizations and individuals to develop public policies promoting energy efficiency and responsible renewable energy resources;
- Participate in the resource planning process for regulated utilities, including the Electric Technical Advisory Committee of NorthWestern Energy;
- Develop and conduct public outreach programs to build support for a clean energy future;
- Work in collaboration with conservation partners, government officials, agency personnel, Tribes, and other interest groups; and
- Develop strong working relationships with state, federal, tribal and local government officials and agency staff.

### **Description of Previous Positions and Experience**

**Master of Science, Natural Resources and Environment: Policy and Planning, University of Michigan, 2014-2016**

Relevant coursework:

- Energy Markets and Politics
- Environmental Policy and Politics
- Environmental Economics
- Natural Resources Law
- Climate Policy
- Environmental Decision-making and Governance
- Regional Planning
- Capstone Master's Project: Lessons from the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan. Subject matter included a wide range of federal, state, and local policy and administrative actions related to renewable energy development.

## **Government Relations Renewable Energy Scholar, The Wilderness Society, Summer 2015**

- Produced research for government relations team synthesizing congressional legislation and administrative actions regarding renewable energy and transmission line development on public lands.
- Met with congressional and federal agency staff to discuss pending natural resource legislation and rulemakings, including securing cosponsors and signers for letters of support.
- Produced fact sheets and online material for use in congressional outreach and external communications.

## **Energy and Environment Correspondent, Michigan Policy Network, 2008-2009**

- Created policy briefs, blog entries, and other web content regarding energy and environmental legislation in Michigan.

## **Areas of Expertise of the Employee Expert Accessing Information**

- Renewable energy public policy

## **NW ENERGY COALITION EMPLOYEE EXPERT**

### **Name**

Diego Rivas

### **Title**

Senior Policy Associate

### **Job Description**

- Provide support and advocacy with regard to energy policy as the sole Coalition staff member in Montana
- Advocate for a clean and affordable energy future in the states of Montana and Idaho, as a part of the Northwest region
- Continued focus on energy efficiency procurement at NorthWestern Energy and western Montana rural electric cooperatives, including analysis on program design, incentive levels, conservation potential assessments and evaluation, measurement and verification (EM&V)
- Provide policy support on energy efficiency and renewable energy issues at the state legislature, Public Service Commission, Northwest Power and Conservation Council and other governmental bodies, using the Coalition's region-wide policy expertise in order to advance sound energy policy in Montana

- Work with Coalition members and allies—including environmental organizations, low-income groups, renewable energy developers, utilities, businesses, agricultural groups and labor—to advance strategic clean energy policies

### **Description of Previous Positions and Experience**

#### **The Mitchell Group/Environmental Defense Fund, Helena, MT**

*Organizer 2005-2009*

- Managed day-to-day operations of climate change campaign in Montana for Environmental Defense Fund
- Researched impacts of climate change on the state of Montana for public dissemination
- Worked with Congressional delegation on policy language for climate change legislation in Congress

### **Related Experience and Skills**

#### **Clean Power Plan Advisory Council**

*Member, 2016-present*

- Appointed by Governor to provide guidance to the Department of Environmental Quality on Montana's compliance with the Clean Power Plan

#### **Energy Efficiency Advisory Group, Idaho Power Co.**

*Member, 2015-present*

- Provide advice and feedback on Idaho Power's energy efficiency programs, including program design, incentive levels, marketing, and evaluation, measurement and verification (EM&V)

#### **Electricity Technical Advisory Committee, NorthWestern Energy**

*Member, 2010-present*

- Provide advice and feedback on NorthWestern Energy's Resource Procurement Plan, including demand-side management/energy efficiency issues, renewable energy, and other procurement issues

#### **Cross-cutting Issues Technical Working Group, Climate Chance Advisory Committee**

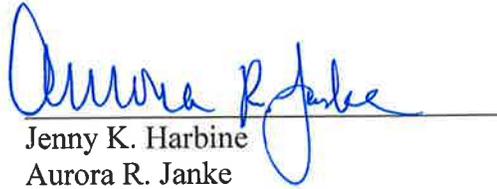
*Member, 2006-2007*

- Assisted in developing recommendations for the full Climate Change Advisory Committee on issues including inventorying and reporting of Montana's greenhouse emissions, reduction targets, offsets, and education and outreach

### **Areas of Expertise of the Employee Expert Accessing Information**

- Clean energy policy, including renewable energy policy, energy efficiency policy, and low-income issues as pertaining to energy policy

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 9th day of January, 2018, I served the foregoing by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

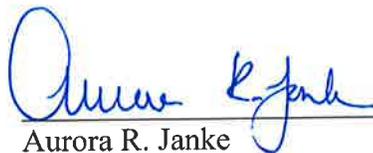
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