

Service Date: August 15, 2017

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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's) REGULATORY DIVISION
Application for Interim and Final Approval of)
Revised Tariff No. QF-1, Qualifying Facility) DOCKET NO. D2016.5.39
Power Purchase)

NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION

On May 3, 2016, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) filed an Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1 (“Application”) with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”). The Commission held a regularly scheduled work session to discuss and act on the Application on June 22, 2017. The Commission issued Final Order 7500c on July 21, 2017. On July 31, 2017, NorthWestern Motion for and Brief in Support of Reconsideration and Clarification of Final Order No. 7500c. On July 31, 2017, NorthWestern and Northwest Solar, LLC filed a Joint Motion for Reconsideration and Brief in Support. On July 31, 2017, FLS Energy, Inc. and Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC filed a Joint Motion for Reconsideration of Final Order 7500c. On July 31, 2017, Vote Solar and Montana Environmental Information Center filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Final Order 7500c. On July 31, 2017, Pacific Northwest Solar, LLC’s filed its Motion for Reconsideration of Order 7500c.

Under Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.4806, “A motion for reconsideration shall be deemed denied when it has not been acted upon within 20 days of its filing.” The Commission waives this period for automatic denial regarding these motions for reconsideration of Final Order 7500c.

On August 1, 2017, NorthWestern filed a Motion for Leave to Amend Motion for Reconsideration. This Motion for Leave is GRANTED and NorthWestern may have the opportunity to amend its motion for reconsideration and clarification filed on July 31, 2017, in order to seek clarification of the impact of the Final Order on Demand Side Management programs.

DONE AND DATED this 15th day of August, 2017, by delegation to Commission staff as an Order of the Commission.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner
BOB LAKE, Commissioner
TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner