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

IN THE MATTER OF the Montana Public Service Commission’s Review of Rates to Recover NorthWestern Energy’s Electricity Supply Costs	REGULATORY DIVISION DOCKET NO. D2017.5.39
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**APPLICATION FOR GENERAL INTERVENTION OF
WINDATA, LLC**

WINData, LLC applies for general intervention in this docket. WINData shows:

I. Summary

WINData seeks general intervention pursuant to Administrative Rules of Montana 38.2.2401 *et. seq.* and 38.2.1202.

WINData has developed qualifying facility (“QF”) projects across Montana that are entitled under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (“PURPA”) and related state law to sell output to NorthWestern Energy under a long-term contract at NorthWestern’s full avoided costs. WINData has a direct interest in this proceeding which is directed at setting rates for NorthWestern and establishing NorthWestern’s

rate methodology and rate structure which will have an impact on WINData and QF projects.

II. Legal name and post office address

Notice of all matters relating to this proceeding and copies of all documents and other communications may be served upon:

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III. Statement of Interest

WINData has a direct interest in the Commission's determination of the appropriate rate methodology and corresponding rate structure that is established for NorthWestern and the impact that such methodology and rate structure will have on NorthWestern's avoided cost. WINData's interest is demonstrated through its involvement in and development through production of multiple commercial wind projects across the region over the past two decades. Some of those projects include

Blackfeet 1, Prospect Wind, Fairfield Wind, Greenfield Wind, Front Range Wind, Hopley Creek Wind, Hay Creek Wind, Coyote Wind, Crazy Mountain Wind and WD Wind projects in Montana, and resultant transfer, development, construction and production of energy from some of the projects.

IV. Position


In accordance with the Notice of Commission Action issued on July 7, 2017, WINData seeks general intervention in this docket and intends to provide comments and participate as invited to do so by the Commission, and reserves the right to submit comments and develop its position in response to the initial filing required of NorthWestern by the Commission. WINData has not determined what level of involvement is appropriate at this time and requests the right to participate as WINData deems appropriate.

V. Relief Desired

WINData takes no specific position regarding the issues raised in the Notice of Commission action, and reserves its right to take positions and request relief as appropriate as the docket develops and once NorthWestern makes the initial filing as requested. WINData's participation will not unduly broaden or affect the disposition of this docket.

Dated: July 13, 2017

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 13th day of July, 2017, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Montana Public Service Commission and duly served upon the parties listed below by depositing the same, postage prepaid, in the Unites States mail to:

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