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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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**SECOND APPLICATION FOR GENERAL INTERVENTION OF
WINDATA, LLC
AND REQUEST FOR RULING**

WINData, LLC applied for and was granted general intervention in this docket in accordance with the Notice of Commission Action issued on July 7, 2017. WINData filed comments and participated in the oral presentation in this docket, requesting the following specific relief:

- 1) That the Commission enter an immediate interim order effective, within thirty days, applying the same methodology to QFs as applied to NorthWestern's most recently acquired asset (the Hydros) to set QF rates;
or,
- 2) Alternatively, adjusting NorthWestern's rates downward effective

immediately to reflect the Long 1 adjustment, delayed onset of the carbon adder, and short term contracts, in the same way the Commission has applied these adjustments to QFs.

WINData reiterated its request for relief at the oral presentation on July 28, 2017. No party objected to WINData's request for relief, nor was any alternative proposal offered to the Commission. WINData's request for relief is ripe for decision and WINData requests an Order from the Commission adopting one of its two alternative proposals, or otherwise ruling on its request for relief.

In the Commission's July 18, 2017 Notice of Proposal, Intervention Deadline, and Initial Procedural Schedule, an intervention deadline of August 9, 2017 was set. WINData, having already intervened and having a request for relief pending before the Commission, submits its second application for general intervention in this docket to ensure that it is afforded a full and fair decision on its request for relief that remains open, and to preserve its right to participate in the issues addressed by the July 18, 2017 NCA.

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 long-term contracts at

NorthWestern's full avoided costs. WINData has a direct interest in this proceeding, in which NorthWestern proposes options for addressing rates for QF projects and the Commission appears to be determining the manner and methodology of establishing NorthWestern's rate recovery and rate structure which will have an impact on WINData and QF projects, including how those rates are recovered either through a tracker mechanism or a general rate case.

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 filed comments and participated in the oral presentation on NorthWestern's Proposed Electric Power Costs and Credits Adjustment Mechanism (Proposal), and has a direct interest in the Commission's determination of the issues

raised in the Proposal which address compensation for QFs, recovery of rates through particular mechanisms established for NorthWestern and the impact any recovery mechanism and methodology and rate structure will have on NorthWestern's avoided costs. 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. 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 and development of the projects. The Fairfield Wind and Greenfield Wind are fully financed, constructed and are in production and Crazy Mountain is under new ownership and scheduled for construction within the year.

IV. Position

In accordance with the Notice of Commission Action issued on July 18, 2017, WINData seeks general intervention in this docket and intends to participate as the docket progresses, and reserves the right to develop its position in response to the additional information filed by NorthWestern and any other parties. 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

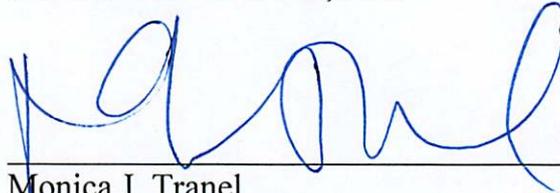
WINData takes no specific position at this time regarding the issues raised in the Notice of Commission action, and reserves its right to take positions and request

relief as appropriate as the docket develops. WINData's participation will not unduly broaden or affect the disposition of this docket.

WINData requests an Order from the Commission adopting one of its two alternative proposals presented in its written and oral comments, or otherwise ruling on its request for relief.

Dated: August 08, 2017

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 8th day of August, 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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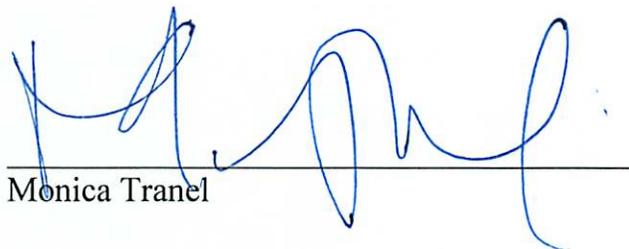
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