

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

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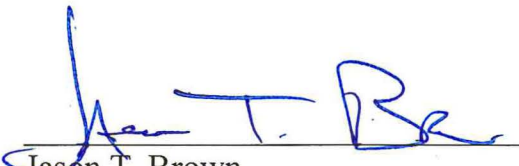
IN THE MATTER of the Montana) REGULATORY DIVISION
Public Service Commission's Review)
of Rates to Recover NorthWestern) DOCKET NO. D2017.5.39
Energy's Electricity Supply Costs)

**PETITION OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL
FOR INTERVENTION**

On May 18, 2017, following the passage of House Bill 193, the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued a *Notice of Commission Action* requiring NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) to file a new, interim supply cost tracking mechanism, and setting a deadline for comments from interested persons. On July 7, 2017, following the filing of certain information, comments, and an informal public meeting, the Commission issued a second *Notice of Commission Action*, which addressed the minimum filing requirements contained in Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.101 to 38.5.195, and set an intervention deadline of July 14, 2017. The Montana Consumer Counsel (“MCC”) filed a timely *Petition for Intervention*, which was granted on July 17, 2017.

NorthWestern filed its *Application for a Power Costs and Credits Adjustment Mechanism* on July 14, 2017. On July 18, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Proposal, Intervention Deadline, and Initial Procedural Schedule*, setting an intervention deadline of August 9, 2017. Pursuant to § 69-2-202(2), MCA, the MCC petitions the Commission for general intervention in this proceeding in order to represent the interests of the consuming public.

Respectfully submitted August 9, 2017.



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