

Service Date: July 18, 2017

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

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

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL, INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND INITIAL
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On July 14, 2017, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission” or “PSC”) its Proposed Electric Power Costs **and** Credits Adjustment Mechanism (“Proposal”). This Proposal was provided in response to the Commission’s Notice of Commission Action (“NCA”) issued on July 7, 2017, and NorthWestern asserts the Proposal “is consistent with the intent of House Bill 193.” Proposal Cover Letter 1 (Jul. 14, 2017). In the NCA dated July 7, 2017, the Commission stated it would issue a deadline for intervention on the new tracker mechanism separate from the deadline for intervention on whether to require NorthWestern to submit information that conforms to the requirements contained in Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.101 through 38.5.195 by September 30, 2017. NCA ¶ 21; *see also* Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.2402 (requiring in a petition for general intervention “a clear and concise statement of the direct and substantial interest of the petitioner in the proceeding”). Parties seeking to intervene in this proceeding to address NorthWestern’s Proposal must file a separate petition for intervention.

A copy of the filing is available for inspection at the Commission’s business offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601; and the Montana Consumer Counsel (“MCC”), 111 North Last Chance Gulch Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771. The MCC is available to represent the interests of the consuming public in this matter.

Any interested person who is directly affected by NorthWestern’s filing before the Commission and who wants to be a party to the docket must file a petition to intervene with the

Commission **no later than August 9, 2017**. By the intervention deadline, a person petitioning for intervention must: (1) Submit the petition electronically (e-file) on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" under "Electronic Documents" tab); and (2) physically deliver or mail the original petition to the Commission at the address above. The Commission will not post an e-filed document to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner. A person petitioning for intervention in this Docket must also serve a hard copy of the petition on the MCC and NorthWestern's counsel, Al Brogan and Ann Hill, 208 N Montana Ave, Suite 205, Helena MT 59601.

The PSC and any party may submit preliminary data requests to NorthWestern. NorthWestern must respond to preliminary data requests within either fourteen (14) days of the service date of the data requests or by August 10, 2017, whichever date is later. If an initial data request is objectionable or seeks confidential information, NorthWestern must respond accordingly and proceed to object or file a motion for protective order no later than the deadline to respond; if necessary, NorthWestern must file an updated response within fourteen (14) days of the PSC ruling on the objection or motion for protective order.

An interested person that does not wish to formally intervene in this Docket may submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission at the above address, or by email to psc_utilitycomment@mt.gov. A form for making comments may be found at <http://psc.mt.gov> (go to "Comment on Proceedings").

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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