

Service Date: November 8, 2017

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

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

**NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION**

1. On July 14, 2017, NorthWestern Energy ("NWE") filed its Power Costs and Credits Adjustment Mechanism ("PCCAM") Proposed with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission").
2. On July 18, 2017, the Commission issued a separate Notice of Proposal, Intervention Deadline, and Initial Procedural Schedule, and granted intervention to the Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC") and WINData, LLC.
3. On September 21, 2017, the Commission issued Procedural Order No. 7563a setting forth the deadlines to be followed in this proceeding.
4. On November 7, 2017, the MCC submitted its Motion for Extension, requesting a two-week extension to November 27, 2017 to file intervenor testimony due to the unique nature and complexity of this docket, as well as the unexpected illness of an expert witness's family member. The MCC contacted counsel for NWE and WINData, LLC and neither party objected to the request for extension. Additionally, the MCC proposed to extend most of the subsequent deadlines by two weeks, but keep the current hearing date.
5. The Commission GRANTS the extension as requested and ADOPTS the new schedule as proposed by the MCC, as follows:
  - (c) November 27, 2017: Final day for intervenor testimony.
  - (d) December 13, 2017: Final day for the Commission to identify additional issues.\*
  - (e) December 15, 2017: Final day for discovery to intervenors.
  - (f) January 2, 2018: Final day for intervenors to respond to discovery.
  - (g) January 26, 2018: Final day for North Western to file rebuttal testimony and intervenors to file cross-intervenor response testimony.

- (h) February 13, 2018: Final day for discovery to NorthWestern and intervenors related to rebuttal and cross-intervenor response testimony.
- (i) February 28, 2018: Final day for NorthWestern and intervenors to respond to discovery related to rebuttal and cross-intervenor response testimony.
- (j) March 5, 2018: Final day for NorthWestern and intervenors to file prehearing memoranda including identification of data responses to be moved into evidentiary record.
- (k) March 9, 2018: Final day for NorthWestern and intervenors to object to data responses identified on February 15, 2018.
- (l) March 12, 2018: Hearing commences and continues from day-to-day as necessary.

\*If the PSC identifies additional issues it will issue a modified procedural order schedule, likely changing some of the deadlines (e) through (l).

DONE AND DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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