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**PSC TO HOLD MEETINGS IN GREAT FALLS & MALTA
ON NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PLAN**

Public Service Commission member Greg Jergeson will hold public meetings this month in Great Falls and Malta to provide information about NorthWestern Energy's electricity supply plan and to hear public comments on it.

The Great Falls meeting will be Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Senior Center, 1004 Central Avenue, 2nd floor.

The Malta meeting will be Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at the Malta High School, 117 S. 9th W., Room 301.

At each meeting, Commissioner Jergeson will give a general background about the plan and a brief description of the PSC process for reviewing it. Representatives of NorthWestern Energy will be available to answer questions and provide information, as will representatives from the Montana Consumer Counsel. In addition to impacts on residential and commercial customers, Commissioner Jergeson has asked NorthWestern's representatives to prepare for questions at the Malta meeting about impacts on customers using electricity for irrigation purposes.

NorthWestern Energy is required to procure electricity to meet the needs of its current and future customers and to submit a plan to the PSC indicating how it intends to procure the electricity. The PSC's default supply planning and procurement rules encourage the utility to pursue multiple objectives, including adequate reliable power supplies, an environmentally responsible portfolio of resources, the lowest long-term total cost, stable prices, economically efficient prices and reasonable prices. The PSC is required to review the plan, take public comment, and identify concerns with the plan and ways to remedy them.

Persons interested in reviewing the plan can access it at www.montanaenergyforum.com. This NorthWestern website contains the complete plan, a guide to understanding the plan, a

glossary, and a method of providing comments electronically to the company regarding the plan. Persons interested in commenting on the plan electronically may do so directly to NorthWestern at the above site, or may comment to the PSC at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601, or electronically at <http://psc.state.mt.us/consumers/comments>.

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