

Service Date: November 8, 2019

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

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern) REGULATORY DIVISION
Energy's Application for Approval of)
Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1) DOCKET NO. 2019.09.059

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

On October 4, 2019, NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") filed an Application for Approval of its Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1 ("Application") with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission"). NorthWestern requests that the Commission approve its QF-1, CR-1, and WI-1 tariffs on both an interim and final basis. The proposed avoided cost rates would apply to Qualifying Facilities ("QF") with a nameplate capacity of three megawatts or less, effective on the date of the Commission's final decision on this Application, and are based on NorthWestern's avoided costs. In its Application, NorthWestern proposes to decrease off-peak and on-peak rates for solar, wind, and hydroelectric resources from currently tariffed rates.

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

The Commission invites parties directly affected by NorthWestern's filing to intervene. To intervene, parties must file a Petition to intervene with the Commission **no later than November 29, 2019**. By the intervention deadline, petitioners must submit: (1) an electronic petition on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Electronic Filing," under "For Regulated Utilities" tab); (2) the original petition by physical delivery or mail to the Commission address stated above; (3) a hard copy of the petition to both the MCC address above, and to NorthWestern's counsel, Ann Hill, 208 N. Montana Ave., Suite 205, Helena, MT 59601. The Commission will not post the electronic document to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner.

The Commission also invites interested parties who do not wish to formally intervene to submit public comments on the matter to the Commission address stated above, or through the Commission's website ("Comment on a Proceeding" under "Documents & Proceedings Tab"). The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 6, of the Montana Code Annotated.

DONE AND DATED this 8th day of November, 2019.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman

BOB LAKE, Vice Chairman

ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner

RANDY PINOCCI, Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued on November 8, 2019 in Docket 2019.09.059 was served upon the following,

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Dated: November 8, 2019

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