

June 28, 2002

Mr. Steven Vick
Utility Division
Montana Public Service Commission
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RE: Green Power Product Offering Program

Dear Mr. Vick:

On March 7, 2002, Northwestern Energy (NWE or Company), Commercial Energy of Montana, Inc., Energy West Resources, Inc. and the Federal Executive Agencies requested that the Montana Public Service Commission (MPSC or Commission) create a separate process to address certain non-default supply portfolio issues. A separate and timely process was proposed to fully address the following issues: 1) Customer Choice Procedures, 2) a separate Green Power Product, 3) Rate Design, 4) Metering and Billing, 5) Integrated Least Cost Planning, 6) Demand-Side Management and 7) Decoupling. This process contemplated immediate steps to develop proposed solutions for Customer Choice Guidelines and Procedures, Default Supply Rate Design, and a separate Green Power Product given the July 1, 2002 deadline to initiate default supply service and meet certain statutory requirements.

By a Notice of Commission Action dated March 28, 2002, the Commission granted the request and authorized its Staff to initiate discussions.

On June 12, 2002 interested and diverse parties conducted a meeting to review the Green Power Product Offering to all customers of Northwestern Energy proposal including the program plan and rate schedule for a separate Green Power Product offering beginning as early as July 1, 2002.

Therefore, enclosed for filing is the Company's proposal for Green Power Service. Included in support of this is the following material:

Appendix A - Green Power Product Offering Program Plan
Appendix B - Green Power Product Offering Program Rate Schedule

Given the fact that this material was developed by the parties primarily concerned about this subject matter as part of the on-going activities of Docket No. D2001.10.144, the parties request a waiver or shortening of any notice requirements regarding these proposals, and ask the Commission to expedite its review and approval of this material on an interim basis as soon as reasonable possible.

If there are any questions in this regard, I can be reached at (406) 497-2202

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosures
cc: Docket Service List