



March 31, 2016

Mr. Will Rosquist
Regulatory Division Chief
Montana Public Service Commission
1701 Prospect Avenue
PO Box 202601
Helena, Montana 59620-2601

RE: NorthWestern Energy 2015 Electricity Supply Resource Procurement Plan
Docket No. N2015.11.91

Dear Mr. Rosquist:

In accordance with ARM 38.5.8226, NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") hereby submits its 2015 Electricity Supply Resource Procurement Plan ("2015 Plan") to the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission"). Fifteen copies of the 2015 Plan are provided to the Commission and five copies are being supplied to the Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC"). The 2015 Plan is submitted in two volumes, a printed copy of Volume 1 and a CD containing an electronic version of Volumes 1 and 2. One printed version of Volume 2 is also provided to the Commission and the MCC.

Consistent with the Commission's Electric Supplier Procurement Plan Guidelines in ARM 38.5.8201 through 38.5.8229, NorthWestern has prepared a plan using information and techniques to identify an Economically Optimal Portfolio of resources to cost-effectively and reliably meet the needs of retail customers over a 20-year planning horizon. We look forward to sharing the results of this work with the Commission, the MCC, and our Montana stakeholders including the Electric Technical Advisory Committee.

Please direct questions concerning the 2015 Plan to Dave Fine at (406) 497-3363 or John Hines at (406) 497-7194. An electronic version of the 2015 Plan has been placed on NorthWestern's website where all interested parties can access a complete electronic version:

<http://www.northwesternenergy.com/our-company/regulatory-environment/2015-electricity-supply-resource-procurement-plan>

Sincerely,

Dave Fine

Director, Energy Supply Planning

CC: Montana Consumer Counsel