Cost-Share Proposal Form for NorthWestern Energy (NWE) Project 2188 TAC Funds

Project Title: Field Operations – NWE 2027
Date: November 17, 2026
Explain how this Project addresses a specific Project 2188 License Article(s):
The project supports FERC 2188 license Articles 414, 416, and 417. NWE staff provide assistance on Hauser and Holter reservoirs and tailwaters, the Great Falls reservoirs, and the Missouri River downstream from the Great Falls reservoirs.
Provide justification for Priority 1, 2 or 3 (above) that you selected:
This is a Priority #1 project because it involves work completed on the mainstem Missouri River.
Project Sponsor (submitted by): Joe Hagengruber – NorthWestern Energy
Location of Proposed Project:
Narrative: Missouri River from Canyon Ferry Dam to headwaters of Fort Peck Reservoir
Geocode (in decimal degrees ex 46.89743) Lat; _____ Long: _____ **Total Project Cost**: $20,000
TAC Funds (Cost-Share) Requested for Project: $10,000

I. Introduction; brief statement of project to be completed with pertinent background information.
This is an ongoing annual proposal to offset some of NWE's operating costs for implementation of the Missouri River fisheries Protection Mitigation & Enhancement (PM&E) program. Project proposal includes: operation and maintenance of NWE electrofishing boat; purchase of fish tagging and surgical supplies; purchase of basic field monitoring supplies; vehicle operation and travel expenses; and operation and maintenance of the Holter boat house including utilities (electricity).

II. Objectives; explicit statement(s) of what is intended to be accomplished. Support Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and other agencies and organizations in the implementation of the Missouri River 2188 fisheries PM&E program.

III. Methods; description of how Project objectives will be accomplished. Methods vary depending on project and area.

IV. Schedule; when the Project work will begin and end. This work is done throughout the entire field season.

V. Personnel; who will do the work? Identify Project leader or principal investigator. Joe Hagengruber is the NWE project leader. Assistance is provided by FWP technicians and biologists, NWE employees, and other individuals depending on project and area.

VI. Project budget must include amounts for the following:

Direct Labor	$0
Travel and Living	$2,000
Materials – Boat Gas, Oil, Maintenance	$3,000
Supplies and Equipment	$2,000
Vehicle Operation and Maintenance	$3,000

- All cost-share sources and amounts, including estimation of "in-kind" contributions:

Total NWE operations costs are approximately $20,000/year for this project. NWE will provide $10,000 of the total amount required for this project from other Company accounts.

***NorthWestern Energy TAC funds will not be used for agency overhead on projects that do not fund personnel. Applications for materials and equipment should not contain overhead.**

VII. Deliverables; describe work product (reports, habitat restoration, etc.) which will result from this Project. How will "success" for this project be monitored or demonstrated? Completion reports are provided by partner agencies and organizations.

VIII. Cultural Resources. NA

IX. Water Rights. NA

All TAC Project proposals should be 7 pages or less and emailed (as a WORD file) to each of:

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