

Montana Consumer Counsel

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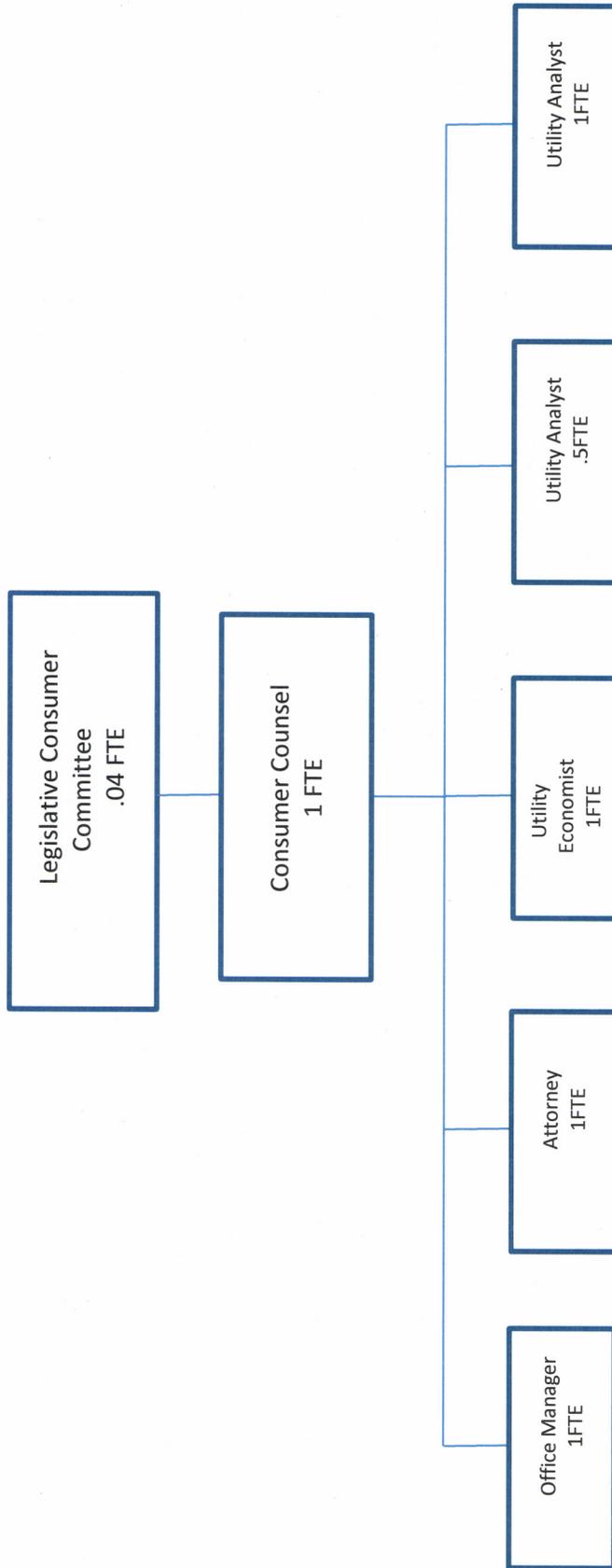


EXHIBIT 4

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HB 2

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12/7/12 STATUS OF CASES

NWE – D2008.8.95 – Application for Approval to Construct and Operate the Mill Creek Generating Station to Supply Regulation Service – filed 8/25/08. Requests pre-approval of the Mill Creek Generating Station (MCGS) consisting of three 50 MW turbines, for a total rated capacity of 150 MW. Gas fired regulation service projected to run at an average load of 34 MW, 7 MW of which is a minimum running level. Original cost estimate of \$206.1 M (later revised to 201.8). Projected annual rev. reqmt. of \$79.6M, \$54.5 responsibility of retail customers – roughly 4 fold increase in regulation costs.

- Final Order 6943a issued 5/20/09 4-1: PSC must determine if pre-approval is in public interest by weighing costs and benefits; not possible to perform long-term economic analysis against alternatives because no record on market-based contracts, DSM options, wind-ramping controls; regulation service becoming increasingly costly and unavailable; risky to plan on continued availability of market products given pace of wind development; MCC and RNP did not present specific cost and availability information for alternatives such as DSM, wind ramping, dynamic scheduling, etc.; key issue then is only cost of MCGS compared to cost for similar resources; MCGS cost estimates are reasonable, but PSC will subject all actual costs to prudence review; no evidence that March 08 bids would be materially different if obtained more recently; NWE's failure to further consider Montgomery was reasonable; PSC finds it a balanced approach for NWE to continue to evaluate alternatives and optimize operation of MCGS; agrees it is not clear that MCGS will contribute to rate stability due to fuel costs; benefit in cost-based resource; finds that goodwill on balance sheet is not associated with acquisition premiums; 50/50 cap structure is hypothetical and not based on goodwill; PSC not inclined to rely on cap structure that eliminates goodwill because that would result in too much debt leverage; PSC not inclined to adopt cap structure that puts investment grade ratings at risk – important to maintain investment grade ratings; adopts 10.25% ROE and concludes lower than 10% would threaten ratings; adopts proposed carbon offset plan; approves third-party operator for period of less than 3 years; defers decision on cost allocation to retail; NWE must file quarterly reports and continue to pursue market alternatives; PSC estimates \$3-4 monthly increase for typical residential customer

- Application for Approval of Interim Rates filed 10/8/10, updated 10/18/10. Requests 1/1/11 interim approval of \$45,282,419 increase, or typical bill increase of 5.34%. Propose residential commodity rate of \$0.062223/kwh.

- Interim Order No. 6943b issued 11/17/10 (4-1): required reduction in cost of debt component and approved interim increase of \$44,935,134 on 1/1/11. Actual MCGS revenue requirement to be submitted within 90 days of commercial operation.

- Interim Compliance filing submitted 12/16/10: Net MCGS Revenue Requirement of \$44,935,134; MCGS unit rate of \$7.63/Mwh.

- Second Interim Order No. 6943c issued 4/20/11: Interim level adjusted to \$37,825,239 to reflect 50% bonus depreciation rate.

- Procedural Order No. 6943d issued 6/3/11. Hearing set 11/9/11.

- MCC testimony of John Wilson filed 8/12/11: addresses allocation issue deferred in initial order; NWE methodology recommends 80% to retail customers and 20% FERC jurisdictional; this is not in line with transmission network usage; peak usage does not drive regulation requirements; NWE should conduct a study to quantify customer class responsibility for regulation requirements; in meantime, regulation costs should be allocated based on electricity transmission amounts, excluding through wheeling; result allocates 48% to retail; total capacity could be allocated this way based on public policy considerations, but recommendation extends only to the "traditional" (60 MW) component of regulation.
- MCC Response testimony of John Wilson filed 9/27/11: PSC should not defer final resolution of cost allocation pending FERC decision; LCG advocates cost allocation principles that are discriminatory and would subsidize LCG customers, e.g., allocation of services such as restart, fuel cost allocation, ability to switch back and forth to 3rd party provider, allocation based on 150 (vs. 105) MW, traditional regulation need of 45 MW.
- Hearing held 11/9-10/11
- NWE Post-Hearing Provide filed 12/2/11 updating property tax – increase of \$666,435.
- Order On Compliance Filing, No. 6943e, issued 3/21/12: Approves 1st year \$34,513,978 revenue requirement and \$39,089,270 2d year revenue requirement; finds reasonable total regulation capacity of 105MW, with 45 MW allocated to VERs and 60MW to traditional regulation; Commission agreed that system peaks do not align with periods that experience the greatest within-hour load variation (regulation need); found that neither the peak nor shoulder hour ever was the hour of highest load variation; also found no evidence that allocation based on load in all hours (MCC temporary proposal) would be an improvement since the provision of regulation service is obviously greater in some hours"; 12CP allocation is not reasonable in the "long term"; since PSC and FERC have used that on interim basis, and it prevents a gap in cost recovery, PSC approves use of 12CP on temporary basis; requires a study of relative contribution of retail and wholesale customers to within-hour variation; denied carbon offset project proposals pending clarification of cost cap provision and further definition of cost-effectiveness.
- NWE filed regulation requirements study plan 5/23/12, proposing to engage Charles River Associates to conduct study of 3 years of 15 min. data, at cost of \$500-600,000.
- Notice of Opportunity to Comment issued 6/8/12. Requests comment on NWE's proposed study of relative contribution of retail and wholesale customers to within-hour load fluctuations. Comments due 6/29/12.
- NWE Request for Clarification Regarding Carbon Offset Program filed 6/29/12. Requests clarification whether one-time-only, or ongoing annual program.
- MCC Comments filed 7/2/12: Proposed plan is flawed because 1) specifies 15 minute load data to evaluate regulation needs, 2) does not specify how one may determine regulation needs based on this data, 3) is inconsistent with Commission guidance on Order 6943e. There should be a better thought out study plan.
- Notice of Opportunity to Comment issued 8/31/12, requesting comments relating to planning, funding and implementation of carbon offsets.
- NCA issued 11/26/12: implementation of offset projects may be a one-time only expenditure or occur on an ongoing basis, annual cost cap is 2.5% of annual revenue requirement attributable to the cost of firm and non-firm energy produced by the plant, cost effective offset projects are certified actions that have the lowest relative cost per ton of carbon offset and meet the cost cap. Directs NWE to submit a revised plan by 3/1/13.

NWE – FERC Docket No. ER10-1138-000, Revisions to Schedule 3, Regulation and Frequency Response Service, of NWE’s OATT – filed 4/29/10. To reflect commencement of Mill Creek operation for regulation services. Will only affect NWE’s Montana OATT. Propose monthly demand rate (MCGS revenue requirement) and Monthly energy rate. 45/105 of revenue requirement is allocated to retail customers for integrating Variable Energy Resources (based on assumed 105 MW regulation capacity), remaining 60/105 is allocated based on rolling 12 CP billing determinants. \$18.3M of \$42.6M fixed revenue requirement is allocated up front to retail customers due to VER (wind) that exists or is anticipated. Monthly energy rate is based on variable O&M costs, again allocated 60/105 on 12 CP. NWE seeks consistent cost allocation between federal and state jurisdictions. Energy rate will be credited for the value of generation output using Mid-C daily index price, minus \$7 to reflect market differential between Montana and Mid-C.

- MCC Intervention and Protest filed 5/20/10. Should substantiate claimed need for 60MW of regulation; 3rd party transmission demand may be different; should reject the demand allocation formula rate, and replace with per unit demand rate; appearance of over-allocation of costs to Montana retail customers.

-Protests filed by Central Montana EP Coop, Basin Electric Power Coop, and LCG; proposed rate is 3x current rate; FERC should not allow NWE to charge fixed costs of MCGS if less expensive market alternatives are available; actual capacity of MCGS is 139.5MW; FERC should investigate whether 60 MW of regulation is still needed; fuel and O&M should not be allocated to schedule 3 customers because they receive no energy; application is patently deficient in that MCGS is not in service and not used and useful, and there was no showing that it was least cost choice.

-FERC Order Accepting and Suspending Tariffs Subject to Refund and Establishing Hearing issued 10/15/10. *133 FERC ¶ 61,046*. Finds Revised Schedule 3 has not been shown to be just and reasonable and raises material issues of fact that require hearing. Issues are revenue requirement, including ROE, allocation of fixed and variable costs, propriety of charging energy rate to regulation customers, propriety of using \$7 differential in derivation of market value of energy, level of regulation service obligations, ceiling rates for regulation service. States that transmission provider must identify regulation margin requirements for customers and develop procedures by which customers can avoid or reduce such requirements; also finds NWE’s formula for calculating regulation requirements does not appear consistent with prior FERC precedent.

-FERC settlement judge appointed 10/22/10.

- Settlement Conference held 11/4/10. Technical conference scheduled 2/1/11, and next settlement conference scheduled 3/8/11.

- Settlement judge recommended termination of settlement proceedings 6/8/11.

- Order Granting Motion for Track II Designation issued 6/21/11. Hearing set 1/23/12; Initial Decision due 5/4/12.

- LCG testimony filed 9/19/11. NWE should not recover energy-related costs of DGGS through schedule 3; there should be no exit fees for customers who self-supply; non-wind regulation needs are 45MW of a total 150 MW capacity; schedule 3 load is 3.12% of 12 CP load; max. schedule 3 capacity rate of \$.67/kw-month (vs. \$1.65 proposed).

- FERC Staff testimony filed 11/10/11: Staff and NWE stipulated that the DGGS fixed cost revenue requirement is \$38,161,353; staff disagrees with the proposed monthly demand rate and energy rate; believes allocation ratio for regulation service should be 13/150, versus 60/105;

regulation revenue requirement would be \$3,307,317, or \$.19/kw-month; if NWE procures regulation service from third parties, Schedule 3 customers should not continue to pay allocated fixed costs of DGGS.

- MCC Cross-Answering testimony of John Wilson filed 12/2/11: cost of regulation service should be allocated to transmission network use in all hours, not 12CP hours; regulation rates should be based on costs of providing that service to different customers; costs of standing ready to serve customers who opt for third party service should be borne by those customers; fuel costs are incurred for load in all hours and should be recovered in regulation costs, not through retail cost tracker.

- Order denying motions to strike and resetting schedule issued 1/20/12.

- MCC Answering Testimony of John Wilson, responding to NWE Supplemental Testimony, filed 4/4/12: would be wrong to allocate regulation O&M costs based on 12CP; DGGS is a unique resource and FERC has never addressed regulation costs in this context; allocation of transmission costs precedents are not applicable here; system load data demonstrates no correlation between regulation requirements and system peak use – this has been confirmed by the MPSC.

- Hearing held 6/11-14/12.

- Initial Decision issued 9/21/12 (140 FERC ¶ 63,023): fixed cost revenue requirement of \$38,161,353; adopts 19 MW numerator vs. 60) – regulation down amounts excluded and diversity benefits must be shared; adopts 150 MW capacity (vs. 105); denies imposition of energy charge in Schedule 3 rate because that is a capacity service and is theoretically energy neutral; insufficient support for \$7/Mwh market differential in proposed energy credit (but moot now); approved NWE proposal to use 12 CP to allocate costs among retail and wholesale customers, speculating that a study may not be produced for three years; third party regulation costs should be passed through Schedule 3 only if less than variable costs of operating DGGS; Schedule 3 rates should be ceiling rates that may be discounted, not straight formula rates.

- MCC Exceptions filed 10/22/12: incorrect to exclude regulation down - would add 32 MW; nameplate capacity is too high because it doesn't account for must run levels; regulation demand on NorthWestern's system is unrelated to peak energy demand, and demand in all hours is a more accurate allocator of regulation costs pending completion of a study.

NWE – D2012.11.123 – Petition for Certification of Eligible Renewable Resource, filed 11/29/12. Requests certification of Lower South Fork Hydroelectric Project. NWE contracted with South Fork as a QF 1/12/12. Located in Carbon County with nameplate rating of 455 KW.- Notice of Petition and Opportunity to Comment issued 11/30/12. Comments due 12/10/12.

NWE – D2012.5.49 – 2011-2012 Electric Supply Cost Tracker, filed 6/1/12. Requests approval of net \$8,502,457 under-collection, projects \$8,320,649 increase (5.9% increase).

- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 6/15/12.

- Interim Order No. 7219 issued 6/29/12, authorizing implementation of projected supply costs, but declining to authorize interim recovery of deferred account.

- MCC intervened 7/9/12.

- NWE Motion for Reconsideration of Order 7219 filed 7/9/12.

- Interim Order on Reconsideration, No. 7219a, issued 7/19/12, authorizing interim collection of \$6,641,296 deferred amounts, adjusting for DGGS as if no outage had occurred.

- Procedural Order No. 7219b issued 8/1/12.

- Notice of Staff Action suspending Procedural Order issued 10/1/12, in order to allow time for completion of discovery.

NCA issued 11/16/12, directing NWE to supplement its application with testimony regarding 1) the DSM program evaluation provided by SBW Consulting, and 2) efficient scheduling and dispatching of electricity supply resources.

- Modified Procedural Order No. 7219e issued 11/21/12. Hearing set 6/12/13.

NWE – D2012.7.75 – October electric tracker. Filed 9/17/12. Res. Commodity rate decrease to \$.061193/kwh (.03%)(\$.1 M annualized rev. req)

NWE – D2012.7.75 – November electric tracker. Filed 10/15/12. Res. Commodity rate increase to \$.061633/kwh (.72%)(\$.6 M annualized rev. req)

NWE – D2012.7.75 – December electric tracker. Filed 11/16/12. Res. Commodity rate increase to \$.062433/kwh (1.3%)(\$.8 M annualized rev. req)

NWE – D2012.3.25 – Application to Place Battle Creek Natural Gas Production resources in Rate Base, filed 3/30/12. System includes 49 miles of gathering lines and meter houses to 123 wells, two compressors and dehydration system. NWE purchased 65% interest in the system. 8.4 Bcf of reserves, with initial production of .52 Bcf/yr. – 2.5% of NWE's 20 Bcf market. Purchased in late 2010 for \$12.4M. NWE had been purchasing output for its supply. Total annual revenue requirement of \$2.494M (\$4.85/Dkt).

- MCC/NWE stipulation filed 3/8/12, agreeing to 48% equity cap structure and 10% ROE for rate base addition if approved by Commission.

- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 4/20/12.

- MCC intervened 5/8/12

- Procedural Order No. 7210 issued 5/18/12. Hearing set 9/26/12.

- MCC testimony of George Donkin filed 6/29/12: Does not object to rate base treatment and cost recovery for Battle Creek, purchase price was reasonable based on market projections at the time and size of acquisition, Battle Creek not needed for reliability purposes, there are performance risks associated with Battle Creek, Battle Creek resulted in excess costs of \$955,512 for 2011, based on current forecasts, Battle Creek will not produce NPV benefits, this mark-to-market risk can change depending on relative prices at time of transaction, market price crossover point should be taken into account in acquisitions and should be three years or less.

- MCC/NWE stipulation submitted 9/18/12: agreed to scaled unit cost/market-price crossover points and inclusion of Battle Creek resources in rates.

- Hearing held 9/26/12.

- Final Order No. 7210b issued 11/16/12. NWE acted prudently in acquiring Battle Creek based on what was known at the time. Found that Donkin's point about current prices is irrelevant in review of Battle Creek because based on hindsight. Crossover point stipulation recognizes MCC's concern and will mitigate risk. Finds crossover point stipulation in the public interest and approves it. Also finds capital cost stipulation just and reasonable.

NWE – D2012.9.94 – Application to Increase Natural Gas Delivery Service Rates. Filed 9/28/2012. Requests \$15,738,100 non-gas cost increase (15.16%). Average Residential increase of 7.2%.

- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 10/3/12.
- MCC intervened 10/23/12.
- Procedural Order No. 7249 issued 11/5/12. Hearing set 4/16/13.

NWE – D2012.5.48 - Annual Gas Cost Tracker, filed 5/30/12. For historical period ending 6/30/12, and forecast period ending 6/30/13. Projected cost of gas is \$3.94/Dkt. Estimated total deferred cost at 6/30/12 is (\$277,439) Proposing lost revenue recovery of \$.98 M for 2011-12 and \$1,452,810 for 2012-13. Res. Rate from \$6.72 to \$7.16. Difference between 6/1/12 rate and proposed 7/1/12 rate is about 6.5% increase.- Interim - Order No. 7218 issued 6/20/12.

- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 8/31/12.
- MCC intervened 9/28/12.
- Procedural Order No. 7218a issued 10/16/12. Hearing set 6/4/12.

NWE – D2012.7.74 – October gas tracker, filed 9/21/12. Gas increase from \$3.92 to \$3.94. Res. Rate from \$7.22 to \$7.16.

NWE – D2012.7.74 – November gas tracker, filed 10/19/12. Gas increase from \$3.94 to \$4.25. Res. Rate from \$7.16 to \$7.47.

NWE – D2012.7.74 – December gas tracker, filed 11/16/12. Gas increase from \$4.25 to \$4.27. Res. Rate from \$7.47 to \$7.50.

NWE – D2011.6.45 – Annual Propane Supply Tracker Filing – Townsend. Filed 6/2/11 (Originally Filed 4/29/10). Undercollection of \$86,036 for 13 months ended 6/31/11. Propose 11 month amortization at \$2.0043/Dkt. Propose to increase summer rate from \$14.39 to \$17.03/Dkt and winter rate from \$15.43 to \$17.81/Dkt. Average monthly increase of \$17.17. “Typical Bill” increase of 16% (summer) and 14% (winter).

- Interim Order No. 7156 issued 6/22/11, approving rate changes on interim basis.
- Notice of Application issued 7/5/11.
- MCC Petition to Intervene filed 8/1/11.
- MCC testimony of George Donkin filed 11/22/11: notes that propane service is relatively expensive, reviews prior natural gas service study and concludes that NWE should update that study to reflect current costs, including proposals to levelize upfront cost impacts.
- Joint Motion by NWE/MCC to bifurcate granted 1/23/12.
- Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Request Hearing issued 2/10/12.
- Final Order No. 7156b issued 3/9/12, approving requested propane rates.
- NWE and MCC reports filed 10/12/12, describing discussions regarding natural gas pipeline extension study updates, and concluding that extension is likely not currently feasible.
- NCA issued 11/16/12, agreeing with filed comments and finding no additional study necessary.

NWE – D2012.5.47 – Townsend Propane Supply Cost Tracker, filed 5/4/12. Annual propane supply cost tracker. Requests recovery of prior undercollection of \$54,932, and reduction in current propane costs from \$1.703 to \$1.362/therm (summer) and \$1.781 to \$1.529/therm (winter). “Typical” residential customer would experience average monthly bill decrease of \$19.22.

- Interim Order No. 7212 issued 5/25/12, granting changes on interim basis.

- MCC intervened 6/26/12.
- Procedural Order No. 7212a issued 10/9/12. Hearing set 2/6/13.

MDU – D2012.6.69, October Electric Cost Tracker – Rate 58. Filed 9/18/12. increase of .082¢/kwh primary – total fuel and purchased power in tariff is \$0.02558/kwh

MDU – D2012.6.69, November Electric Cost Tracker – Rate 58. Filed 10/11/12. decrease of .034¢/kwh primary – total fuel and purchased power in tariff is \$0.02524/kwh

MDU – D2012.6.69, December Electric Cost Tracker – Rate 58. Filed 11/15/12. decrease of .066¢/kwh primary – total fuel and purchased power in tariff is \$0.02458/kwh

MDU – D2012.3.24 – Petition for Certification of Eligible Renewable Resources and CREPs, filed 3/13/12. Diamond Willow I is a 19.5 MW facility in Fallon County certified as eligible renewable resource in 2007. Cedar Hills is a 19.5 MW facility in ND, delivering power into MT. Diamond Willow 2 is 10.5 MW facility in Fallon County. MDU sought certification of Diamond Willow II and Cedar Hills as eligible renewable resources, and all three as CREPs.

- Notice of Petition and Opportunity to Comment issued 3/30/12.
- Final Order No. 7221 issued 7/10/12: Certified Cedar Hills as eligible resource and CREP, but certified Diamond Willow as one 30 MW eligible renewable resource, and therefore too big for a CREP.
- MDU Motion for Reconsideration filed 7/19/12.
- NCA issued 8/8 granting reconsideration, Order 7221 stayed pending reconsideration.
- Notice of Petition and Intervention Deadline issued 8/10/12.
- MCC Intervened 8/24/12.
- Procedural Order No. 7221a issued 9/10/12. Hearing set 11/9/12.

MDU – D2012.9.100 – General Natural Gas Rate Increase. Filed 9/26/12. Requests \$3,457,412 (5.9%) overall increase; 7.9% Res., 2.8% Firm General, 1.4% Interruptible. Requests 10.5% ROE, 8.489% overall, also proposes a Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism (weather normalization) and an increase in the fixed component of bill.

- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 10/3/12.
- MCC intervened 10/23/12.
- Procedural Order No. 7254 issued 11/21/12. Hearing set 5/1/13.

MDU – D2012.4.38 – Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90, filed 4/2/12. Increase from \$.01/dk to \$.031, seeks recovery of \$311,228 due to program expenses, lost distribution revenues and prior under collection.

- Final Order No. 7239 issued 10/29/12, approving proposed rate.

MDU – D2012.11.118 – Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90, filed 11/19/12. Requests approval of modifications to conservation portfolio for 2013.

- Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Request Hearing issued 11/29/12. Comments due 12/18/12.

MDU – D2010.9.92 - Annual Gas Cost Tracker. Filed 9/10/10. Increase of \$.312 in unreflected account. Total decrease of \$.71/dk, res. and gs. Res rate \$5.57/dk.
- Notice of Application and intervention deadline issued 5/26/11.
- MCC intervened 6/23/11.
- Order No. 7256 issued 12/5/12, approving interim tracker rates on final basis.

MDU – D2012.9.96, Annual Gas Cost Tracker, Filed 9/10/12. Unreflected gas cost decrease of \$0.177/dkt./res. decrease of \$.595 dk, res. and gs. Res rate \$4.83/dk.
- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 10/16/12.
- MCC intervened 11/9/12.

MDU – D2012.9.96, November Gas Cost Tracker. Filed 10/10/12. increase of \$.32 dk, res. and gs. Res rate \$5.14/dk.

MDU – D2012.9.96, December Gas Cost Tracker. Filed 11/9/12. increase of \$.53 dk, res. and gs. Res rate \$5.69/dk.

EWM – D2000.10.176 – October gas tracker filed 9/13/12. Res. Rate increase to \$5.06/Mcf.

EWM – D2000.10.176 – November gas tracker filed 10/30/12. Res. Rate increase to \$5.39/Mcf.

EWM – D2000.10.176 – December gas tracker filed 11/26/12. Res. Rate decrease to \$5.24/Mcf.

Cut Bank Gas – D2012.12.____ - Annual Gas Cost Tracker True-Up, filed 12/5/12. Requests recovery of \$61,063 under-collection.

Havre Pipeline Co. – D2012.7.78 – Application to Decrease Rates, filed 7/27/12. Requests authority to decrease rates to direct rural farmstead customers from \$2.6449 to \$1.6275/Mcf, pursuant to prior stipulation.
- Interim Order No. 7231 issued 8/28/12.
- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 8/31/12. Interventions due 9/20/12.
- Final Order No. 7231a issued 10/3/12, granting authority to implement final rates as filed.

Miller Oil Co. – D2011.1.12 – Annual Propane Cost Adjustment, filed 5/25/12. Requests \$21,186 increase for under collection.
- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 9/20/12.
- MCC intervened 10/15/12.

Five Valleys Gas – D2011.1.2 - Propane gas cost tracker, filed 5/18/12. Requests recovery of \$2,735 or \$.00083/gal increase.
- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 9/20/12.
- MCC intervened 10/16/12.

Mountain Water Co – D2012.7.81 – Application to Increase Rates for Water Service, filed 7/30/12. Requests revenue requirement increase of \$919,105 (5.1%). 5.8% flat rate increase, 5.7% metered rate increase. Also requests final approval of interim power cost trackers.

- Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued 8/30/12.
- MCC intervened 9/28/12.
- Procedural Order No. 7251 issued 11/8/12. Discovery audit held 11/5-8/2012. Hearing set 3/14/12.

Mountain Water Co. – D2012.9.95, 2012 Annual Power Cost Tracker, filed 9/4/12. Requests total tracking adjustment of \$(99,889), to be implemented with general rate filing interim.

- NCA issued 10/3/12, granting MWC's request.

Aquanet – D2009.12.156 – Application for Initial Water Rates. Filed 12/8/09. Oakridge Subdivision, Billings – 80 customers, request initial unmetered rate of \$75/mo.

- Application rejected for failure to meet minimum filing requirements.
- Interim Order 7056 issued 12/22/09 authorizing \$50/mo customer charge and requiring application by 5/1/10 based on 2009 test year.
- Aquanet supplement filed 5/3/10.
- Amended Application for final approval of interim rates filed 9/30/10. Requests annual increase of \$43,711 (91%) (monthly flat rates of \$95.61) from current levels (modified during discovery to \$50,493 (\$103 flat rate) (105%)).
- Notice of Application issued 10/28/10.
- MCC intervened 11/30/10.
- Procedural Order No. 7056a issued 12/21/10.
- MCC filed testimony of Paul Schulz 3/4/11: recommends a \$18,573 (39%) increase (flat rate of \$69.43/mo.); includes adjustments for accounting expense, water testing and system operating expense, pump house asset and expense allocation, income taxes, working cash capital; used 7% COC based on 100% debt structure.
- Notice of Staff Action Amending Procedural schedule issued 3/16/11.
- MCC/Aquanet Stipulation filed 8/19/11: \$28,725 (\$80 flat rate) (60.3%) increase, increased by \$1500 if the technical hearing is held in Billings.
- Aquanet Motion for Interim Rate Relief filed 8/25/11, requesting stipulated amount on interim basis.
- Interim Order No. 7056c issued 9/1/11, approving stipulated amounts.
- Notice of Public Hearing issued 10/31/11. Public hearing 11/21/11 in Billings.
- Technical hearing held 12/7/11 in Helena.
- Order No. 7056e issued 3/7/12, denying stipulation and resetting procedural schedule. Determined that not enough information is available including rate base, ROR and cap structure. *“Even though the denial of the Stipulation could result in rates in excess of the rates proposed in the Stipulation, the Commission believes that a more thorough examination of the rate increase request is necessary.”*
- Second hearing held 6/7/12.
- Final Order No. 7056f issued 10/30/12: approves \$19,142 (40%) increase. Flat rate of \$70.02/mo.

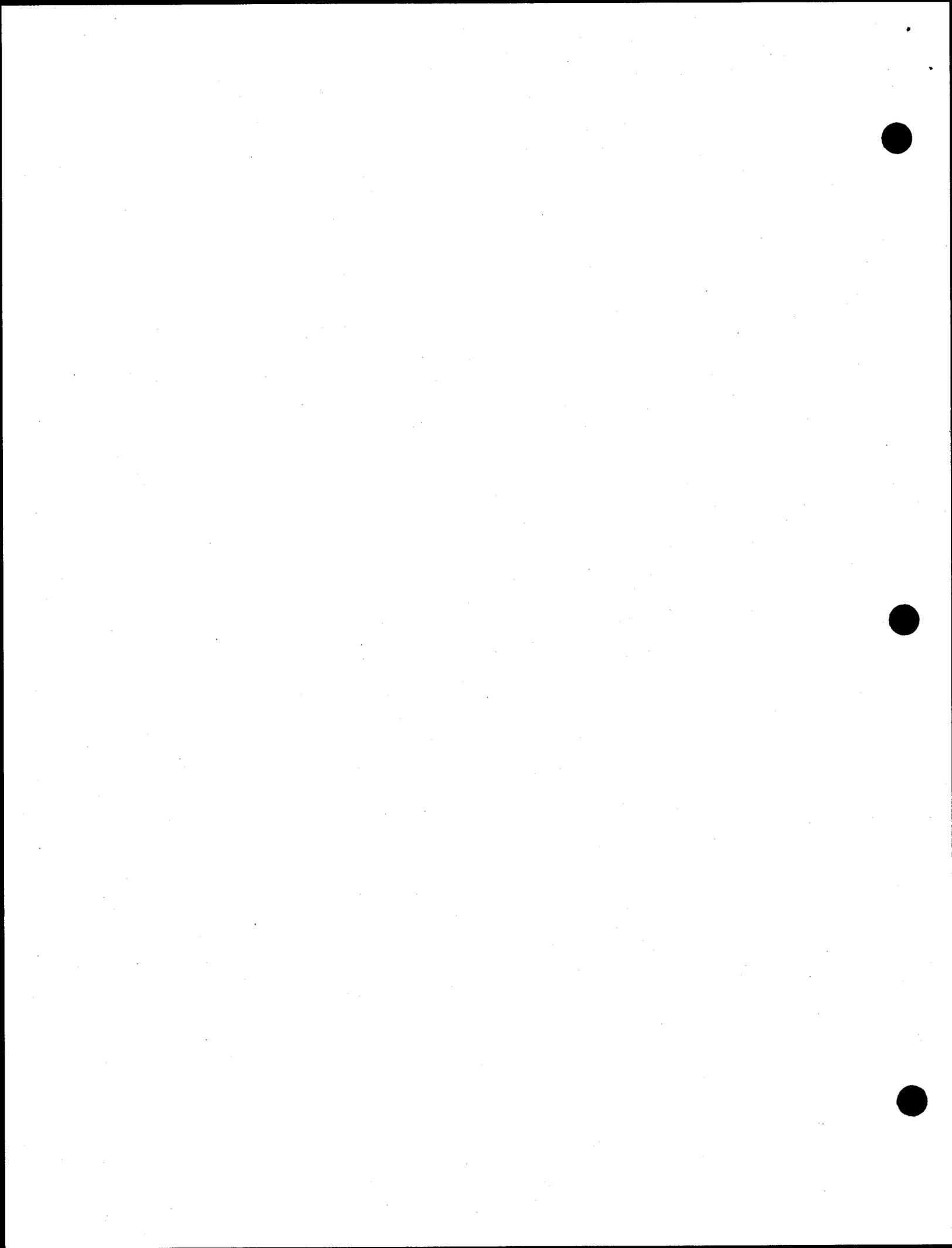
Wettington Water District, Inc. – D2010.9.93 - **Application to implement increased rates** in Kalispell service area. Received 9/13/10. Request increase from \$28.75 to \$35.00 (total \$6,300 or 21.7%).

- Notice of Application issued 10/19/10.
- MCC intervened 11/22/10.
- Procedural Order No. 7129 issued 12/21/10.
- NSA issued 5/13/11, noting Wettington has not responded to staff data requests, and extending deadline to respond to 5/31/11.
- Procedural Order No. 7129a issued 3/8/12. Intervenor testimony due 3/20/12;
- Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Request Hearing issued 9/14/12.
- Final Order No. 7129b issued 11/2/12, approving requested rates.

HLH, LLC – D2008.10.123 – **Water rate increase** application for Big Sky service area. Filed 10/27/08. Request \$441,702 (103%) increase.

- Notice of Application issued 11/24/08.
- MCC intervened 12/19/08.
- Interim Order 6972a issued 4/17/09: granted \$283,008 increase.
- MCC/HLH submitted stipulation 12/17/09: overall revenues of \$337,360 consisting of \$198,540 water revenues and \$138,820 waste water revenues.
- Interim Order 6972b issued 12/22/09 approving stipulated amounts on interim basis.
- Hearing held 3/11/10.
- Interim Order No. 6972c issued 8/16/10: Commission determines it does not have adequate information to make informed decision , will deny stipulation and restart the procedural schedule. In the alternative, Commission will allow filing amended application using complete 2008 test year, or 2009 or 2010 test year. HLH to notify Commission by 9/1/10 of its choice; filing deadline is 5/1/11 for 2010 test year. Revises interim level to \$310,000.
- HLH Motion For Reconsideration and Stay filed 8/25/10: commission cannot decline to decide the case before it – MAPA requires final decision within 90 days of hearing; order is arbitrary and capricious in way it set new interim level that is contradicted by prior interim order; since no final order has been issued, HLH is entitled to self-implement \$441,702 rate level; commission should issue immediate stay.
- Order No. 6972d issued 12/28/10, denying reconsideration and reestablishing procedural schedule. Hearing set 3/29/11.
- Letter advising PSC that HLH is self-implementing rates pursuant to 69-3-302(2) received 1/18/11. Rates at level of 6972b reflecting stipulated levels.
- NSA issued 3/7/11 modifying procedural schedule. No hearing date set.
- Firelight Condo Owners Assoc. testimony filed 3/18/11: wastewater system value should have been reduced for impairment; no wastewater increase has been adequately supported.
- Notice of Public Hearing issued 2/6/12.
- Hearing held 2/27/12.
- Proposed Order No. 6972e issued 11/29/12: excludes acquisition premium of \$205,012; uses actual capital structure and 10% ROE; calculates annual revenue requirement of \$341,454, and approves final revenue requirement at interim level of \$337,360 – concludes that rates based on stipulated revenue requirement are just and reasonable.

Southern Montana Telephone Co. – N2012.10.111, notice of proposed rate increases for local service. On 10/25/12, SMTC filed notice of proposed rate increases of \$1 (local service \$16 to \$17, business service from \$19 to \$20) under 69-4-901, MCA, which provides for increases effective in 60 days unless 10% of its customers or MCC object in writing. If that happens, PSC jurisdiction attaches and a rate review will be held. If that does not happen, the proposed increase will take effect on 12/23/12 for service effective 1/1/13. SMTC serves the exchanges of Divide, Wise River, Wisdom, Jackson and Grant.





Department of Administration
STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION



Invoice Totaled by Billing Client

Invoice Number 1

Date Range: 1/1/2013 to 1/31/2013

To

From
State of Montana
DOA-SITSD
PO Box 200113
Helena, MT 59620-0113
Phone: 406-444-2511

LEG -MCC -1112_DFLT 1,708.17

	Shift	Units	Rate	Charge
ITSD-Installation - 621C1				601.47
LAN Administration	1	5.00	120.2933	601.47
ITSD-Asset-Broker - 622B1				253.71
Microsoft Enterprise Agreement	1	101.09	1.0000	101.09
Service Desk Pass-thru	1	152.62	1.0000	152.62
ITSD-Email - 621B5				30.04
Email Addl Space	1	2.00	1.5633	3.13
Email Mailbox	1	7.00	3.8449	26.91
ITSD-Network-Services - 623B2				591.56
Remote WAN Connection - 1Gb Converged	1	0.17	2,400.7372	400.20
Authenticated Network Device - 1x	1	10.00	19.1355	191.36
ITSD-Enterprise-Services - 621C5				231.40
Enterprise Services Allocation	1	231.40	1.0000	231.40

1,708.17

Total for: LEG -MCC -1112_DFLT :

EMS MONTHLY GL SUMMARY

Bill Date:	January, 2013
Invoice:	11120
Agency:	Montana Consumer Counsel

Org. ID	Name	ID	623B0	623B4	Grand Total
111200_1	Consumer Counsel, Conference Room	(blank)	1.10	8.77	9.87
	Consumer Counsel, FAX	(blank)	1.10	0.14	1.24
	Nelson, Robert	CW1879	77.65	6.46	84.11
	Nordell, Larry	cw1791	18.55	1.35	19.90
	Schulz, Paul	cw3568	22.26	16.75	39.01
	Stamatson, Jaime	cw0171	18.55	1.85	20.40
	Voeller, Heather	cw0147	7.39		7.39
	Wright, Mary	cw1790	18.55	2.75	21.30
111200_1 Total			165.15	38.07	203.22
Grand Total			165.15	38.07	203.22

Montana Consumer Counsel

Contracted Services History

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Nominal	396,347	798,929	550,089	649,464	690,445	804,308	716,529	352,684	571,575	529,118
2012	493,504	968,967	645,303	738,069	762,912	855,864	765,181	370,553	582,158	529,118

