SENATE TAXATION
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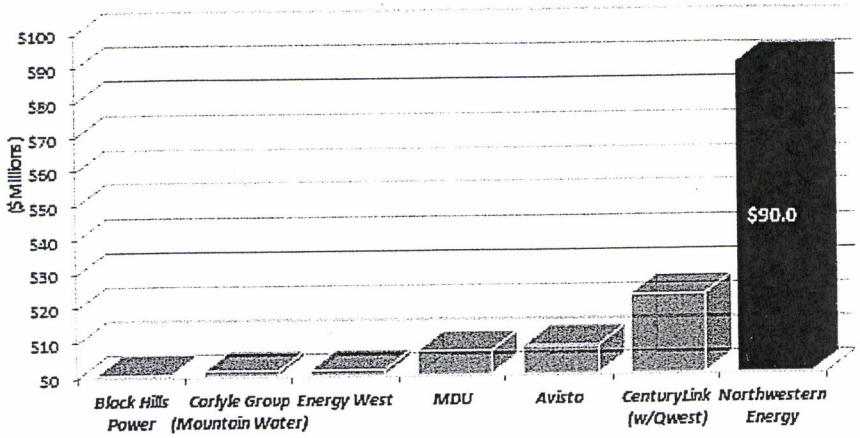
NORTHWESTERN'S IMPORTANCE TO MONTANA

2011 Montana Taxes (Other than Income)



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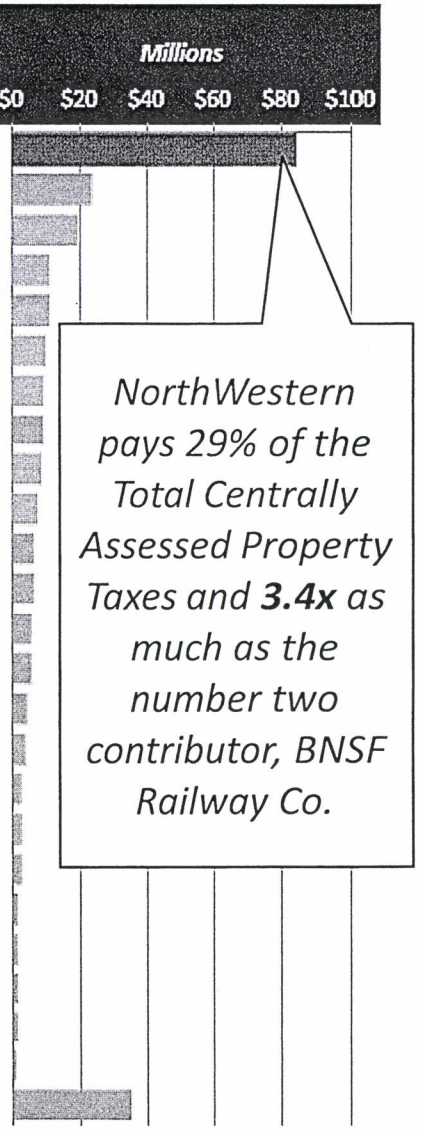
NWE's 2012 MT PROPERTY TAX BILL

Rank	Company Name	2012 Estimated Taxes	% of Total
1	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	84,253,545	29%
2	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	24,271,170	8%
3	PPL MONTANA LLC	19,620,380	7%
4	QWEST CORPORATION	11,926,865	4%
5	BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	11,654,579	4%
6	VERIZON WIRELESS	10,471,532	4%
7	PUGET SOUND ENERGY INC	10,205,440	3%
8	NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY	10,114,062	3%
9	EXPRESS PIPELINE LLC	9,607,573	3%
10	WILLISTON BASIN INTERST PIPELINE CO	7,923,730	3%
11	AVISTA CORPORATION	7,023,829	2%
12	MONTANA RAIL LINK	6,843,355	2%
13	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	6,708,979	2%
14	BISON PIPELINE LLC	6,601,674	2%
15	PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	5,145,600	2%
16	FLATHEAD ELECTRIC COOP INC	4,652,740	2%
17	PACIFICORP	3,434,079	1%
18	FRONT RANGE PIPELINE LLC	3,394,368	1%
19	CONOCO-PHILLIPS PIPE LINE COMPANY	3,277,826	1%
20	AT&T MOBILITY LLC	2,505,571	1%
21	BRIDGER PIPELINE LLC	2,391,052	1%
22	NATURENER GLACIER WIND ENERGY LLC	2,146,226	1%
23	CENEX PIPELINE LLC	2,132,978	1%
24	CENTURYTEL OF MONTANA INC	1,989,351	1%
25-129	ALL OTHER CENTRALLY ASSESSED TAX PAYERS (less than $1.8M individually)	35,304,095	12%
	Total Centrally Assessed Montana Company 2012 Property Taxes	**293,600,599**	**100%**



*NorthWestern pays 29% of the Total Centrally Assessed Property Taxes and **3.4x** as much as the number two contributor, BNSF Railway Co.*