

STATEMENT OF PPL MONTANA

PPL Montana's authority to make sales at market-based rates should be renewed. Despite the many accusations that have been launched against it, PPL Montana does not have market power. FERC has two tests for assessing whether market-based rate authority should be renewed and PPL Montana passes them both. PPL Montana has offered supply at all times that has been competitive compared to the alternatives, which is why NWE has been buying from PPL Montana. NWE could buy from others and use the transmission system to deliver the power if it could find a better deal. PPL Montana has been the best deal. We will continue to provide safe and reliable power at competitive market-based rates to serve Montana customers in the future.