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Ms. Kate Whitney
Montana Public Service Commission
1701 Prospect Avenue
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RE: Docket No. D2010.12.111
NorthWestern Energy Filing
Natural Gas Biennial Procurement Plan

Dear Ms. Whitney:

NorthWestern Energy (NWE) is submitting its December 2010 Natural Gas Biennial Procurement Plan to the Montana Public Service Commission (MPSC or Commission) pursuant to Docket No. 2005.6.101, Order No. 6683d. NWE looks forward to receiving Commission comments on this Plan.

Please contact John Hines at 449-8333, Dan Strizic at 497-2100 or Joe Schwartzenberger at 497-3362 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Hines".

John Hines

Enclosures

CC: Montana Consumer Counsel
George Donkin