

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

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IN THE MATTER OF ENERGY WEST MONTANA, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER APPROVING ITS RECONCILIATION OF THE COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF WEST YELLOWSTONE'S NO INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

REGULATORY DIVISION  
Docket No. D2017.12.89

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**ENERGY WEST MONTANA'S PREHEARING MEMORANDUM**

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Energy West Montana, Inc. ("EWM"), by and through its counsel, Holland & Hart LLP, respectfully submits this prehearing memorandum pursuant to Order No. 7587 as amended by the Notice of Staff Action dated May 10, 2018.

**I. Contested Issues**

EWM does not believe that there are any contested issues of law or fact left to be resolved in this proceeding.

**II. Uncontested Issues**

EWM believes all issues in this proceeding are uncontested, including:

- a. The MCC's recommendation that the Commission waive the requirement in ARM 38.5.7020(2) and reduce the amount of USB revenues for West Yellowstone to the statutory minimum of 0.42%;
- b. Whether EWM should refund \$3,100.33 to customers in one month as a credit on their bills, resulting in a one-time refund of approximately \$5.05 per customer;
- c. Whether EWM should hold the net over-recovery of \$109,764.87 and any future overcollections in a separate interest-bearing account to be used for USB programs until extinguished;
- d. Whether EWM will immediately implement a low-income discount program for customers signed up for LIEAP assistance in West Yellowstone and will pursue the development of new USB programs going forward; and

- e. Whether EWM will use the West Yellowstone USB funds on USB programs in EWM-Great Falls or EWM-Cascade at this time.

### **III. Witnesses**

EWM intends to call its only witness who submitted pre-filed testimony, Jed D. Henthorne, President and General Manager for EWM and Vice President of Finance and Administration for Hearthstone Utilities, Inc.

### **IV. Exhibits**

EWM intends to introduce the following exhibits into evidence:

- a. Mr. Henthorne's pre-filed direct testimony and exhibit; and
- b. Mr. Henthorne's pre-filed rebuttal testimony.

EWM reserves the right to introduce additional exhibits during the cross-examination of MCC witnesses and through re-direct if necessary.

### **V. Discovery Responses**

EWM does not intend to offer any responses to data requests into evidence.

### **VI. Special Accommodations**

EWM does not request any special accommodations for the hearing.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of June, 2018.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this, the 5th day of June 2018, **ENERGY WEST MONTANA'S PRE-HEARING MEMORANDUM** was filed with the Montana PSC and served via U.S. Mail and/or e-mail, unless otherwise noted, to the following:

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