

Service Date: December 6, 2017

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

IN THE MATTER OF Energy West Montana's) REGULATORY DIVISION
Application for Approval of the Reconciliation of)
West Yellowstone's No-Interest Loan Program) DOCKET NO. D2017.12.89

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

The State of Montana requires utilities to operate a Universal System Benefits ("USB") program that promotes cost-effective energy conservation and low-income energy assistance initiatives, funded by a utility consumer tax. Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-1402(15) (2017). To facilitate these goals, Energy West Montana ("EWM") operates various programs including, among others, a no-interest loan program ("NIP") that provides low-cost loans to qualifying customers in EWM's West Yellowstone service territory.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 1, 2017, EWM filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") to reconcile the difference between amounts collected from EWM's consumers, and actual expenditures from the NIP. If the Application is approved: the NIP rates will remain unchanged; EWM will make a one-time contribution to Energy Share of Montana resulting from over-collected revenue from the NIP; and the NIP rate will be converted into a general USB rate that would allow for more programs within EWM's West Yellowstone service territory.

The Application is publicly available at the following locations: on the Commission's website under Docket D2017.12.89; at the Commission's business offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601; and at the Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC") business office, 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703. The MCC is available and may be contacted to assist and represent interests of the consuming public in this matter.

The Commission invites parties directly affected by EWM's Application to intervene. To intervene parties must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than **January 5, 2018**. Petitioners must submit: (1) an electronic petition to the Commission website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" within the "Electronic Documents" tab); (2) the original petition by physical delivery or mail to the Commission address stated above; and (3) a hard copy of the petition to the MCC address above, and to EWM's counsel, Nikolas Stoffel and Thorvald A. Nelson, Holland & Hart LLP, 6380 S. Fiddlers Green Circle, Suite 500, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. The Commission will not post the electronic document to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner.

The Commission also invites interested parties who do not wish to formally intervene to submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission address stated above, or through its web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Comment on Proceedings").

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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