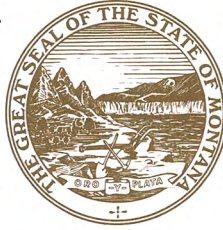


Montana Public Service Commission



Brad Johnson - Chairman
District 5

July, 21, 2017

Hon. Senator McNally
PO Box 20584
Billings, MT 59104-0584

Dear Senator McNally & Select ETIC Members,

Thank you for your letter of July 20, 2017. The Public Service Commission takes the concerns of legislators seriously, and although it would be inappropriate for us to address concerns raised outside the evidentiary record, I believe that the Commission's orders in these dockets did anticipate and address some of the concerns you raise. Please find them attached.

The parties to these proceedings (NorthWestern, MCC, Cypress Creek/FLS, and MEIC for the D2016.5.39 docket, and NorthWestern, MCC, and MT Sun for D2016.12.103) will have an opportunity to file motions for reconsideration within 10 days. The PSC can then order additional briefing and, if necessary, oral argument.

In the meantime, I look forward to presenting on this issue at the ETIC meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Johnson".

CC: ETIC Committee Members
Montana Public Service Commissioners
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