



Dear Public Service Commissioners,

NorthWestern Energy (NWE) has asked you to immediately cut in half the rate the company must pay to buy electricity from small-scale solar and wind projects. This would undermine the Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1978, allowing the utility to avoid paying rates the Commission has already determined are appropriate. It will discourage new investment in solar power generation in the state.

If the Public Service Commission agrees to NWE's request it could mark the beginning of the end for small-scale solar projects. **Please do not grant this request.**

Instead, uphold existing laws and upgrade your policies to allow solar power and renewable energy to flourish in Montana. **Renewable energy provides good jobs for Montanans and is exactly what we need to secure a livable planet for our children and grandchildren.**

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Town, State _____

Email _____

Dear Public Service Commissioners,

NorthWestern Energy (NWE) has asked you to immediately cut in half the rate the company must pay to buy electricity from small-scale solar and wind projects. This would undermine the Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1978, allowing the utility to avoid paying rates the Commission has already determined are appropriate. It will discourage new investment in solar power generation in the state.

If the Public Service Commission agrees to NWE's request it could mark the beginning of the end for small-scale solar projects. **Please do not grant this request.**

Instead, uphold existing laws and upgrade your policies to allow solar power and renewable energy to flourish in Montana. **Renewable energy provides good jobs for Montanans and is exactly what we need to secure a livable planet for our children and grandchildren.**

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Email _____

A Brief Overview

350 Missoula is teaming with the Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) to hand-deliver these petitions to Montana's Public Service Commission (PSC).

NorthWestern Energy is a "regulated utility," a quasi-public monopoly that distributes energy to western Montanans. An elected body, the PSC "regulates" Northwestern Energy.

Right now, 40 percent of NorthWestern Energy's power comes from fossil fuels, much of it from the coal-fired generators at Colstrip, some of the most polluting, greenhouse gas-emitting power plants in North America.

Recent decisions by the PSC and NorthWestern Energy clearly indicate that the commission and the company do not want to transition from fossil fuels to wind and solar energy. In fact, NorthWestern Energy's **latest planning document rejects renewable energy and proposes 13 new natural gas generators.**

So what can you do? We encourage you to, first, sign this petition and, second, spend a few minutes looking for the candidates who will regulate NorthWestern Energy in a way favorable to renewable energy.

Please note: If you want to mail this petition yourself, mail to:

Montana Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 202601
Helena, MT 59620-2601

A Brief Overview

350 Missoula is teaming with the Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) to hand-deliver these petitions to Montana's Public Service Commission (PSC).

NorthWestern Energy is a "regulated utility," a quasi-public monopoly that distributes energy to western Montanans. An elected body, the PSC "regulates" Northwestern Energy.

Right now, 40 percent of NorthWestern Energy's power comes from fossil fuels, much of it from the coal-fired generators at Colstrip, some of the most polluting, greenhouse gas-emitting power plants in North America.

Recent decisions by the PSC and NorthWestern Energy clearly indicate that the commission and the company do not want to transition from fossil fuels to wind and solar energy. In fact, NorthWestern Energy's **latest planning document rejects renewable energy and proposes 13 new natural gas generators.**

So what can you do? We encourage you to, first, sign this petition and, second, spend a few minutes looking for the candidates who will regulate NorthWestern Energy in a way favorable to renewable energy.

Please note: If you want to mail this petition yourself, mail to:

Montana Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 202601
Helena, MT 59620-2601