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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

**Supreme Court No. DA 19-0565**

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER,

Petitioner/Appellee,

vs.

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION,

Appellant, and

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN  
ENERGY,

Respondent/Appellant.

**Unopposed Motion for 30-day Extension to File Reply Brief**

Northwestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy  
respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the deadline to file reply  
briefs pursuant to M.R.App.P. 26(1). This motion applies to both

Appellants NorthWestern Energy and the Montana Public Service Commission. Reply briefs are currently due March 25, 2020. An additional 30-days would extend the deadline to April 24, 2020.

This is the first request for an extension of the deadline to file reply briefs. Previously, Appellants requested extensions of the deadline to file opening briefs.

Counsel for both the Appellee and Montana Public Service Commission have been contacted regarding this motion and neither opposes.

The reason for this request is the schedule of counsel as well as uncertainty over scheduling issues caused by recent events.

A proposed order is submitted herewith.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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