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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Brian Dekiep

SUBJECT: Bob Rowe (CEO) NorthWestern Energy

Bob Rowe, the Chief Executive Officer of NorthWestern Energy in Montana will speak to the Council on a variety of topics regarding Northwestern's operations in Montana. NorthWestern Energy is the largest investor owned electric utility in Montana with electric transmission and distribution services to approximately 342,000 customers in 187 communities.

Mr. Rowe was named president and chief executive officer of NorthWestern Energy on August 13, 2008. Prior to joining NorthWestern, Mr. Rowe co-founded a national financial and policy consulting firm, working with many companies around the country, including in recent years NorthWestern. He left the firm in order to join NorthWestern. He has 20-plus year's energy and utility industry experience; formerly chairman and commissioner of the Montana Public Service Commission from 1993-2004, and also served as president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

Mr. Rowe holds a Juris Doctor from University of Oregon and a bachelor of arts in history and political science from Lewis and Clark College.