

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MONTANA

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ENERGY WEST MONTANA

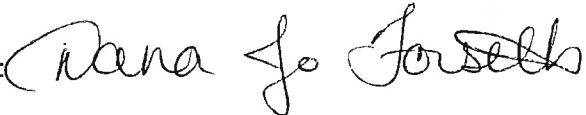
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Tariff No. 05 Release 83 (RS), (SGS), (MGS), (LGS), (EGS), (MAFB)

Uniform System Benefits Charge Procedures:
Docket No. D2005.12.177

EWM imposes a surcharge on all bills designed to generate 1.25% of its annual revenues. This charge is adjusted once each year based on projected revenues for the twelve month period beginning April 1 of each year and ending March 31 of the following year. The Company will disburse the revenues collected under that surcharge in a manner designed to approximate the allocations contained in a plan filed with the Commission as part of its annual gas cost tracking reconciliation filing which is filed on or before June 1 of each year. The Company will, in this annual filing, provide the Commission with a report concerning the use of funds for the prior twelve month period and a plan for the disposition of the collections anticipated in the following twelve month period. The purpose of the plan will be to identify the optimum use of the USBC funds expected to be collected under the surcharge on an annual basis.

The Company tracks its surcharge collections in a balancing account with the intention to permit the Company to pay out to USBC programs the collections received from the applicable surcharge percentage each year. The surcharge will be adjusted annually to permit the balancing account to approximate the 1.25% of normalized revenues adjusted for over or under collections from the prior year. This calculation will utilize sales volumes from the last approved general rate case and an estimate of gas prices for the future twelve months beginning each April 1.

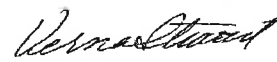
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 Secretary