

Jaime Stamatson's Statement of Interest in the Consumer Advocate Liaison Position on the Western EIM
Regional Issues Forum

Please accept for consideration Jaime Stamatson's statement of interest in the open position for a consumer advocate liaison on the Western EIM Regional Issues Forum.

Mr. Stamatson has served as an economist with the Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC") since 2012. In his position he testifies on behalf of residential and small commercial utility consumers in dockets that come before the Montana Public Service Commission and serves on various state and regional stakeholder committees, such as NorthWestern Energy's Electric Technical Advisory Committee ("ETAC") and Northern Grid. ETAC is responsible for advising NorthWestern Energy on its triennial production of its Resource Procurement Plan and Northern Grid is the regional transmission planning group formed to satisfy requirements of FERC Order Nos. 890 and 1000. Mr. Stamatson also served as a consumer representative on the Northern Tier Transmission Group ("NTTG"), which was one of the precursor regional transmission planning groups that came together to form Northern Grid. Previously to his employment with the MCC, Mr. Stamatson served four years as an economist with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("KCC").

At the KCC, Mr. Stamatson was a member of its advocacy staff, submitting testimony in dockets that came before the Commission and working on other matters, such as participating in roundtable discussions on energy related matters, reviewing energy related legislation, and drafting administrative rules.

Mr. Stamatson would be a strong advocate for consumer interests on the Western EIM Regional Issues Forum. He has a strong interest in organized wholesale market development in the west and he wants to ensure that consumers benefit from these markets. The development and operation of these markets must have consumer interests in mind and the benefits of market participation must outweigh the costs.

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