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Large Load Tariff

NorthWestern Energy is already in the process of developing a Large Load Tariff to present to the Montana Public Service Commission to ensure rates for all customers are fair and protect existing customers when new, high-demand customers connect to the Montana energy system. The tariff will outline financial and contractual responsibilities for large load customers and establish safeguards for all customer classes.

The Large Load Tariff will provide a framework for managing costs and obligations when new customers with significant energy load connect to NorthWestern Energy's Montana energy system. The tariff will ensure growth is handled responsibly, costs are allocated fairly, and protections are in place for all customers.

A new Large Load Tariff and the Montana Public Service Commission's review of electric service contracts for new large-load customers will provide regulatory oversight, predictability for new large load customers and protect existing customers from unwarranted financial risk.

In some cases, new large-load customers may need to provide their own energy generation resources.

NorthWestern Energy will not compromise service reliability for existing customers. This approach ensures that growth of Montana's energy system is managed responsibly and fairly.