

Box Bar Code $\qquad$
File Bar Code $\qquad$
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1. Owner of Water Right

Co.Owner or Other Interest Owner
Address $\qquad$ 40 East Broadway

City $\qquad$ Home Phone No.
$\qquad$ N/A State Montana Zip Code 59701
Person completing form $\qquad$ Zimmerman / Michael $\qquad$ $1 \frac{\text { E. }}{\text { Middle Initial }}$ Address $\qquad$ 40 East Broadway
City $\qquad$ -_----... Butte $\qquad$ State $\qquad$ Montana Zip Code $\qquad$ 59701
Home Phone No. $\qquad$ 723-7738 $\qquad$ Business Phone No. 723-5421, Ext. 2404
3. Use: (Check Only One)

| FR $\square$ | Fish Raceways |
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| PW $\square$ | Fish \& Wildlife |
| CM $\square$ | Commercial |
| IN $\square$ | Industrial |
| MC $\square$ | Municipal |

GE $\square$ Geothermal
NV $\square$ Navigation
FP $\square$ Fire Protection
AS $\square$ Agricultural Spraying
oF $\square$ Oil Well Flooding
MN $\square$ Mining
PGXX Power Generation
RC $\square$ Recreation
OT $\square$ Other
Explain
4. Source of Water: (Check Only One)

| $\square$ | Spring |
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| $\square$ | Well |
| $\overline{X X}$ | Stream |
| $\square$ | Lake |

$\lceil$ Reservoir
Name_____
Name___

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$\qquad$ Stream $\qquad$
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Tributary of $\qquad$
5. Point of Diversion: County _工ake_county

6. Means of Diversion: , Block $\qquad$ , Subdivision $\qquad$Well
$\square$ Pump
Capacity $\qquad$ gem

$\square$ Headgate with ditch or pipelineInstream use
© Other
Explain $\qquad$
7. Means of Conveyance:Ditch Instream
$\square$ Pipeline
X] Other: $\qquad$

## 8. Place of Use: County__ Lake County



Subdivision $\qquad$
9. Flow rate claimed: ___ 35,000
$\qquad$
XX cubic feet per secondgallons per minute miner's inches
10. Volume claimed: $25,550,000$ $\qquad$ acre-feet per year
*non-consumptive
11. Period(s) of use:

12. Check one:

| $\square$ | Decreed Water Right |
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| $\square$ | Filed Appropriation Right |
| $\square$ | Use Water Right |

Priority date or date of first use

13. Attach copies of the Decree, Record of Filing or Proof of Use Right.
14. Attach copies of aerial photographs, U.S. Geological Survey maps or such other documents necessary to show point of diversion, place of use, place of storage, and conveyance facilities.
15. Notarized Statement signed by claimant.

See attached continuation sheet.
STATE OF MONTANA
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County of $\qquad$ :ss.

I, _)
$\qquad$ , having been duly sworn, depose and say that I, being of legal age and being the claimant of this claim of existing water right, and the person whose name is signed to it as the claimant, know the contents of this claim and the matters and things stated there are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn before me, this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ 19 $\qquad$ .

Residing at $\qquad$
My Commission expires $\qquad$
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IN 'IHE CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN WATER COURT OF TIIE STATE OF MONTANA

## S'L'ATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR EXISTING

 WATER RIGHTSPlace: Buffalo Rapids \#2 and \#4
Filed by: The Montana Power Company

## AFFIDAVIT

I, ROBERT J. LABRIE, being first duly sworn, say that $I$ am the Vice President, Engineering and Technology, of The Montana Power Company. I have been employed by The Montana Power Company for 32 years. In these years of service, I have been associated with the planning of the Buffalo Rapids \#2 hydroelectric development. Based upon my experience, engineering facts known to me, and reports prepared by persons working for me, I can state:
(1) The Montana Power Company, on December 2, 1960, appropriated water to be used at the Buffalo Rapids \#2 hydroelectric site;
(2) Since December 2, 1960, a good faith and steady effort has been made to obtain the necessary approvals and permits so that the Buffalo Rapids \#2 plant may be constructed; and
(3) This good faith and steady effort will continue until the plant is constructed and the water appropriated in the December 2, 1960, Notice of Appropriation is put to an actual beneficial use.

DATED this 23rd day of April, 1982.


STATE OF MONTANA
County of Silver Bow )
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On this $\partial 3 \mathrm{rd}$ day of April, 1982, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the state of Montana, personally appeared ROBERT J. LABRIE, known to me to be the

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person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.


## NOTICE OF AFFRCIRIATION

Notice is hereby given that The Montana Power Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey and qualified to do business in the State of Montana hereby gives notice and declares as follows:

1. That it hereby appropriates and claims thirty-five thousand $(35,000)$ cubic feet per second of time of the waters of the Flathead River.
2. The purposes for which said water is claimed and appropriated are for storage and use for a hydroelectric power development and for any and all other beneficial and useful purposes to which said water can be made applicable.

The place of diversion and of intended use of said water is at a dam and power plant to be constructed and located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter ( $\operatorname{SE} \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{SE} \frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section One (1), Township 21 North, Range 22 fliest, M.P.M., Lake County, Montana, approximately two and one-half ( $2 \frac{1}{2}$ ) miles downstream from White Clay Creek.
3. The means of diversion of said water will be a concrete dam built across the Flathead River and forebays and penstocks for conveying said water through the generating plant. Said dam will have a crest elevation of approximately 2,715 feet and will create a reservoir approximately twelve (12) miles long. Said forebays and penstocks will be of adequate size to convey water for the operation of turbines having approximately 165,000 horsepower. Said water will be returned to the natural channel immediately below the power plant.
4. The date of appropriation of said water is this_2nd day of December _ I2xty 1960.
5. The name of the appropriator of said water is The Montana Power Company, a corporation.

THE MONTANA POTTER COMPANY


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## VERIFICATION

STATE OF MONTANA,
COUNTY OF LAKE.
SS.

JAMES S. KREITZBERG being first duly sworn, on oath
deposes and says: That he is the $\qquad$ Engineer $\qquad$ of The Montana Power Company, the corporation making the foregoing appropriation, and that he makes this verification for and on behalf of said The Montana Power Company; that he has read and knows the contents of the within and foregoing Notice of Appropriation, and that the matters and facts therein contained are true; that a full, true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Appropriation was posted in a conspicuous place at the point of intended diversion of said water as stated in said notice on the Lad day of December , MXXXXX 1960.


Subscribed and sworn to before me this__ day of
December , xxx 1960.


I, Hazel Kinnick , County Clerk and Recorder, in and for the said County of Lake, State of Montana, hereby certify the annexed and following to be a true, full and correct copy of a certain

Notice of Appropriation
Filed for record Dec. 2 ,19 60, at $3: 50$ _o'clock_P. M.,

Reception No. 148061
File No. $\qquad$ and recorded in

Book of at Page__records of Lake County, together with the endorsement thereon, as the same appears of record in this office.

Vitness my hand and official seal, affixed this_2nd_day of Dec A.D. 1960 .

Hazel Kinnick
County Clerk and Recorder


Form No. 76-0 R2/80
94412
STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR
EXISTING WATER RIGHTS;
OTHER USES - Continuation Sheet

Item 15. Notarized Statement signed by claimant.

STATE OF MONTANA
County of Silver Bow
I, ROBERT J. LABRIE, having been duly sworn, depose and say that $I$, being of legal age and being the vice President, Engineering and Technology, of the claimant of this claim of existing water right, and the person whose name is signed to it as representing the claimant, know the contents of this claim and the matters and things stated there are true and correct.

THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY


Its: Vice President, Engineering and Technology

$\square$ See notes on reverse side

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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION KALISPELL FIELD OFFICE



TO: Kathryn Lambert
tROM: Judy Jeniker, Kalispell tield Utfice

RE: liequest for Court assistance on: Montana Power Company's claims in 76L

DATE: March 20, 1985 review of the six clains tiled by the !lontana Power Co. in 76 L .

Claim 494408 - Power Generation

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& \text { Priority date - claimed priority date of April 3, } 1920 \text { (filed } \\
& \text { appropriation by J.E. Eiell) } \\
& 1909 \text { - first investigation of nower possibilites on flathead River } \\
& \text { by U.S. Keclaration Service } \\
& \text { 1916 - Yederal Water Power Act passed. } \\
& \text { - Rocky Mountain Power Co. applied for permit to survey } \\
& \text { Flathead kiver power sites. } \\
& 1920 \text { - filed appropriation by J.E. isell. } \\
& 1928 \text { - filed appropriation by Rocky Mountain Power Co. } \\
& \text { - Montana Power Co. aquired land for possible dam } \\
& \text { construction. } \\
& 1930 \text { - Federal Energy Comission granted permit for construction. } \\
& 1936 \text { - dam construction started. } \\
& 1938 \text { - Kerr Dam completed with water used for first time for power } \\
& \text { generation. }
\end{aligned}
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Is there a question on the claimed priority date?

## WATER COURTS Supplemental Document <br> Claim $162-W-94412$

Flow rate - flow rate claimed - 14,540 cf.

- seems to be ok for 3 turbines. Montana Power Co. turbine records for April 1961 show 15,590 cf which exceeds rate claimed.

Volume - volume claimed - 614, 200 acre feet per year.

- non-consumptive
- claimed volume is less than active storage of Flathead Lake
- claimed volume is feasible re: claimed flow rate.

Claim received' ${ }^{\text {lay }} 22,1982$ - late.

Claim \#94409 - Storage
Purpose - claimed storage (no use code for storage).

- purpose may be power generation (PG) with a purpose remark "Storage for power generation at Kerr Dam and Thompson Falls Dam".
basins - three basins are involved, is this a problem?
- Point of diversion (Kerr Dam) - 76L.
- Place of storage (Flathead lake) - 76LJ.
- Place of use (Kerr Dam) - 76L
(Thompson Falls Dam) - 76 N.
- NOTE: Montana Power Co. has already been decreed a right at Thompson Falls Dam. Perhaps Place of Use at Thompson Falls would be incidental.

Flow rate - Flow rate claimed - 614,700 cf.

- documentation for 50,000 cf for claims $\$ 94408$, $\$ 94410$, \$94409, \$94411
- maximum discharge 0.5 miles downstream from Kerr Dam (at gaping station) was $82,800 \mathrm{cfs}$ (before Kerr dam was constructed).

Claimed flow rate not feasible; how should this be handled?
Volume - volume claimed - "amount necessary to fill storage reservoir at any time".

- could possibly leave volume blank with VMOl XX remark (non-consumptive) and delete VMOl remark on the abstract. Although use is not really non-consumptive until water passes through the turbines.

Claim received May 22,1982 - late.

Claim $\ddagger 94410$ - Domestic
Priority date - same question as \#94408

- claim received May 22 , 1982 - late

Claim \#94 All - Irrigation

Priority date - same question as $\# 94408$.

- claim received lay 22,1982 - late

Claim \#94412 - Power Generation

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Priority date - date claimed - December 2, 1960 (filed appropriation by Montana Power Co.)
- affidavit by Robert J. Labrie states "...good faith and steady effort has been made..."
- Buffalo Rapids Dam il 2 has not been constructed yet!
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Is this a due diligence matter?

Flow rate - claimed flow rate - 35,000 cf.

- claimed flow rate implies some stored water. Mean annual discharge is $12,300 \mathrm{cfs}$.
- no dam therefore no reservoir i.e. no reservoir remark?

Volume - claimed volume - 25,500,00 acre feet per year.
Claimed flow rate will produce claim volume, but is it Feasible?

Claim $\$ 94413$ - Power Generation

- Same questions as Claim ${ }^{\text {S }} 94412$;
- Buffalo Rapids. Dam $\# 4$ has not been constructed yet!

MONTANA WATER COURTS
STATE OF MONTANA

MEMORANDUM

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Supplemental Document Claim MoL-W-944/2
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12372000 FLATHEAD RIVER NEAR POLSON, MT--CONtinued
PERIOD OF RECORD.--1952-79.
REMARKS. --Data below based on period of record after completion of Hungry Horse Dam and reflects regulation by Hungry Horse and Kerr Dams.


MONTHLY and annual mean discharges 1952-79




MAGNITUDE AND PROBABILITY OF ANNUAL LOW FLOW BASED ON PERIOD OF RECORD 1953-79

duration table of daily mean flow for period of record 1952-79


## DNRC WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE

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| PABT 1 . Date or Saleppeath or Joinitenant 11-15-2002 |
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## SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

PART 2 Parties Names must be entered oxactly as they appear on the transfer of ownership or 5
 Seller / Deceased Joint Tenant - Enter grantor's / deceased joint tenant's complete name and mailing address, including city, state and ZIP. NorthWestern Energy, L.L.C.


Butte, MI 59701
Buyer / Surviving Joint Tenant - Enter grantee's / surviving joint tenant's complete name and assessment notice mailing address, including city, state and ZIP.

- VorthWestern Corporation

40 East Broadway
Butte, MT 59701

 Legal Description: See attached.
Add/Sub $\qquad$ Block $\qquad$ Lot


County Lake
City/Town $\qquad$ Section $\qquad$ Township $\qquad$ Range

## A.

 WATER RIGHT(S) TO UPDATE List all water rights which need to have ownership updated. Attach a list if additional space is needed.- (W, U, A, B, or O) Statement of Claim No. 76 L 9441200 and 76L 9441300
- (C) Certificate of Water Right No. 76L 6559100
- (P) Permit to Appropriate Water No.
- (E) Exempt Existing Right No $\qquad$
- (D) Powder River Basin Decreed Right No.
- Other
B. SELLER Deceased Joint Tenant (person relinquishing the water right): If all seller's signatures are not available, attach a copy of the recorded instrument showing conveyance of the property from the seller to the buyer. If the seller listed is not the person identified as the water right owner in the DNRC records, attach copies of the recorded documents showing chain of title including the legal description.
Yes No Did the buyer/surviving joint tenant receive $100 \%$ of the seller's interest in the water rights shown above? If no
attach a map showing buyer's property.
Yes No If the sale is on a contract for deed, does the seller want to remain listed as an owner of the water right? Seler Signatue: Soma Brockeman Oale: 11-15-02
- Seller Signature: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$
C. FOR QUESTIONS or CLARIFICATION, WHO SHOULD THE DNRC CONTACT? Name_Art T.amey_Address_P.O. Box 2529_Phone \#(406) 252-3441
D. REMARKS

Billings, MT 59103-2529


## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Montana law requires this form be filed by the seller withiri 60 days after recording a change in ownership of real property which has water rights on record with the DNRC.
- Do not file this form if your only use of water is from an irrigation district, municipal system, water users association, or other public water supply.
- When the DNRC updates the ownership we will send a confirmation to the buyer/surviving joint tenant and seller / deceased joint tenant. DNRC will use the names and addresses as shown on the reverse side of this form.
- Water rights in Montana, including all irrigation water rights, must have a valid DNRC water right number to be of record. However, existing rights for livestock and individual domestic as opposed to municipal uses based on an instream flow or groundwater source appropriated betore July 1,1973 , do not need a DNRC water right number. If the water use does not have a DNRC water right number and does not fall within the above narrow exception, then you do not have a water right. Contact the DNRC for information on how to acquire a water right.

Described below is further explanation of exempt rights or water rights which are valid without a DNRC water right number. A DNRC water right number is not required for the following if the use began:

- prior to January 1, 1962: groundwater used for individual domestic use, as opposed to municipal use;
- prior to January 1, 1962: groundwater used for stock;
- between January 1, 1962 through June 30, 1973: groundwater used for stock or domestic purpose and a GW1, GW2, or GW3 form is properly filed in the courthouse; or
- prior to July 1, 1973: instream surface water used for stock or domestic purposes.

If a water right does not have a DNRC number, and does not fall within the above exceptions, then there is no water right.

## IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CALL YOUR LOCAL REGIONAL OFFICE.

BILLINGS Phone: 406-247-4415
Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, and Yellowstone Counties

BOZEMAN Phone: 406-586-3136
Gallatin, Madison, and Park Counties
GLASGOW Phone: 406-228-2561
Daniels, Dawson, Gartield, McCone, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley, and Wibaux Counties

HAVRE Phone: 406-265-5516 Blaıne, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, and Toole Counties

## HELENA Phone: 406-449-0944

Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Powell, and Silver Bow Counties

KALISPELL Phone: 406-752-2288
Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, and Sanders Counties
LEWISTOWN Phone: 406-538-7459
Cascade, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Meagher, Musselshell, Petroleurn; and Wheatland Counties

MISSOULA Phone: 406-721-4284
Granite, Mineral, Missoula, and Ravalli Counties

The Montana Water Court is currently adjudicating all Statements of Claim. For the current status of the claim(s) specified on the ownership update or if you have questions for the Water Court, call 1-800-624-3270 (in state) or 406-586-4364.

| FILING FEE | I water right | \$25.00 | 2 water rights | \$30.00 | 3 water rights | \$35.00 |
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| -- | 4 water rights | \$40.00 | 5 water rights | \$45.00 | 6 or more | \$50.00 (maximum) |
|  |  | Send the form along with the fee to: DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 <br> (MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO DNRC) |  |  |  |  |

## EXHIBIT A

# TO DNRC WATER RIGIIT OWNERSHIP UPDATE 

FEE LANDS

## LAKE COUNTY, MONTANA

TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 21 WEST, M.P.M.
Buffalo Rapids No. 2 \& 4 (NWE-205)
Section 29:
A tract of land located in the NE/4NW/4 of Section 29, Township 22 North, Range 21 West, M.P.M. and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 29, Township 22 North, Range 21 West, which point bears South $89^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ Wcst, 658.5 fect from the North $1 / 4$ corncr of said Scction 29 ; thence South $89^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ Wcst, 661.5 feet to the North $1 / 16$ corner of the NW/4 of Section 29; thence South $00^{\circ} 06^{\prime}$ East, 347.5 feet; thence North $44^{\circ} 51^{\prime}$ East, 214.0 feet; thence North $84^{\circ} 59^{\prime}$ East, 434.0 feet; thence North $26^{\circ} 09^{\prime}$ East, 176.0 feet to the point of beginning.
(Recording Reference: Grant Deed recorded March 17, 1965 in Microfilm \# 169703).

## Buffalo Rapids No. 2 \& 4 (NWE-207)

Section 31:
A tract of land located in the SE/4NW/4 of Section 31, Township 22 North, Range 21 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point, which is North $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 1313.4 feet from the West $1 / 4$ cormer of Section 31, Township 22 North, Range 21 West, M.P.M.; thence North, 559.2 feet; thence South $58^{\circ} 52^{\prime}$ East, 128.6 feet; thence North $51^{\circ} 52^{\prime}$ East, 284.8 feet; thence South $58^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ East, 178.0 feet; thence North $73^{\circ} 06^{\prime}$ East, 346.05 feet; thence South $29^{\circ} 42^{\prime}$ East, 393.6 fcet; thence South $21^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ East, 352.07 feet to the East and West mid-section line of Section 31; thence South $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ West, 1136.4 feet along said mid-section line to the point of beginning.
(Recording Reference: Grant Deed recorded April 15, 1965 in Microfilm \# 170091).
$\Lambda$ tract of land in the $\mathrm{S} / 2$ of Section 31, Township 22 North, Range 21 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point, which is North $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 1313.4 fect from the West $1 / 4$ corner of Section 31, Township 22 North, Range 21 West, M.P.M.; thence North $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 1136.4 feet along the East and West mid-section line of said Section 31 ; thence South $55^{\circ} 47^{\prime}$ East, 508.4 feet; thence South $22^{\circ} 14^{\prime}$ West, 225.2 feet; thence South $68^{\circ} 40^{\prime}$ West, 342.6 feet; thence North $50^{\circ} 26^{\prime}$ West, 320.9 feet; thence South
$21^{\circ} 58^{\prime}$ West, 311.7 feet; thence South $74^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ West, 216.4 fect; thence North $59^{\circ} 48^{\prime}$ West, 175.3 fcet; thence North $86^{\circ} 31^{\prime}$ West, 429.0 feet; thence North 642.6 feet to the point of beginning.

A tract of land in the $\mathrm{E} / 2 \mathrm{SW} / 4$ of Section 31, Township 22 North, Range 21 West. M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 31, Township 22 North, Range 21 West, said point being North $89^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ East, 1313.4 feet from the SW corner of said Section 31; thence North 1535.0 feet; thence South $76^{\circ} 22^{\prime}$ East, 161.5 feet; thence South $40^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 339.4 feet; thence South $29^{\circ} 19^{\prime}$ West, 270.6 feet; thence South $9^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ West, 105.9 feet; thence South $61^{\circ} 26^{\prime}$ West, 121.6 feet; thence South $42^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ Last, 208.6 feet; thence South $12^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ West, 162.9 fcet; thence South $57^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ West, 167.5 fcet; thence South $3^{\circ} 36^{\prime}$ West, 163.9 feet; thence South $00^{\circ} 29^{\prime}$ West, 130.5 feet; thence South $7^{\circ} 04^{\prime}$ West, 141.0 feet to the South line of Section 31 ; thence South $89^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ West, 62.3 feet along the South line of Section 31 to the point of beginning.
(Recording Reference: Grant Deed recorded February 13, 1964 in Microfilm \#164246).

## TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 22 WEST, M.P.M.

Buffalo Rapids No. 2 \& 4 (NWE-200)
Section 25 \& 26:
A tract of land located in the NW/4 of Section 25, Township 22 North Range 22 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at the North $1 / 4$ corner of Section 25; Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M., thence North $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ West, 1112.9 feet along the North line of said Section 25 ; thence South $12^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ West, 793.6 feet; thence North $86^{\circ} 07^{\prime}$ East, 297.7 feet; thence South $28^{\circ} 59^{\prime}$ East, 224.1 feet; thence South $22^{\circ} 37^{\prime}$ West, 598.6 feet; thence South $21^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ Fast, 251.6 feet; thence South $10^{\circ} 57^{\prime}$ West, 274.2 feet; thence South $43^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ West, 419.3 fect; thence South $34^{\circ} 58^{\prime}$ East, 198.2 feet; thence South $04^{\circ} 42^{\prime}$ West, 158.2 fect to a point which is South $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 1394.6 feet of the West $1 / 4$ corner of said Section 25 ; thence South $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 1245.4 feet along the East and West midsection line to the center of Section 25 ; thence North 2640.0 feet to the point of beginning.

A tract of land as located in the NW/4 of Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point which is South $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 372.9 feet from the West $1 / 4$ comer of Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M., thence North $04^{\circ} 37^{\prime}$ West, 169.5 feet; thence North $58^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ East, 262.0 feet; thence North $86^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ East, 294.8 feet; thence South $51^{\circ} 58^{\prime}$ East, 315.7 feet; thence South $24^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 142.3 feet to the East and West mid-section line of said Section 25 ; thence North $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ West, 813.2 feet along said mid-section line to the point of beginning.

A tract of land in Section 26, Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point which is North $89^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$ West, 667.0 feet from the East $1 / 4$ corner of Section 26, Township 22 North, Range 22 West; thence North $21^{\circ} 13^{\prime}$ East, 310.5 feet; thence North $01^{\circ} 07^{\prime}$ East, 222.3 feet; thence North $03^{\circ} 43^{\prime}$ West, 426.6 feet; thence North $45^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ West, 257.7 feet; thence North $51^{\circ} 18^{\prime}$ West, 334.0 feet; thence North $43^{\circ} 32^{\prime}$ West, 318.0 feet; thence North $55^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ West, 331.8 feet; thence North $29^{\circ} 14^{\prime}$ West, 382.2 feet; thence North $25^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ West, 343.0 feet; thence North $69^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ West, 208.5 feet; thence South $25^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ West, 290.6 feet; thence South $09^{\circ} 59^{\prime}$ East, 281.9 feet; thence South $24^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ East, 430.5 feet; thence South $49^{\circ} 22^{\prime}$ Fast, 514.7 feet; thence South $25^{\circ} 07^{\prime}$ East, 300.0 fect; thence South $21^{\circ} 34^{\prime}$ East, 413.0 feet; thence South $82^{\circ} 34^{\prime}$ West, 128.4 feet; thence South $34^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ West, 630.9 feet to the East and West mid-section line of said Section 26 ; thence South $89^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$ East, 1085.4 feet along said mid-section line to the point of beginning.
(Recording Reference: Grant Deed recorded January 20, 1964 in Microfilm \# 163825).

## Buffalo Rapids No. 2 \& 4 (NWIT-204)

Section 24:
A tract of land located in the $\mathrm{S} / 2 \mathrm{NE} / 4$ of Section 24 , Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point, which is 837.8 feet North $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ West of the East $1 / 4$ corner of Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M., thence North $06^{\circ} 41^{\prime}$ East, 260.7 feet; thence North $06^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$ West, 198.7 feet; thence South $87^{\circ} 52^{\prime}$ West, 345.6 feet; thence North $06^{\circ} 52^{\prime}$ East, 159.1 feet; thence North $02^{\circ} 49^{\prime}$ Last, 190.4 feet; thence North $89^{\circ} 36^{\prime}$ West, 301.9 feet; thence North $25^{\circ} 27^{\prime}$ West, 96.6 feet; thence North $41^{\circ} 16^{\prime}$ West, 265.0 feet; thence South $46^{\circ} 40^{\prime}$ West, 303.8 feet; thence South $20^{\circ} 35^{\prime}$ East, 408.6 feet; thence South $19^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ West, 240 feet; thence South $10^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ East, 263.6 feet to the East and West mid-section line of said Section 24 ; thence South $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East 937.5 feet along said mid-scction line to the point of beginning.

A tract of land located in the SE/4NE/4 of Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at the East $1 / 4$ corncr of Scction 24, Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M.; thence North 275 feet; thence North $47^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ Wcst, 340.5 feet; thence South $36^{\circ} 49^{\prime}$ West, 381.9 feet; thence South $41^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ East, 71.5 feet; thence South $27^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ West, 164.8 feet to the East and West mid-section line of said Section 24 ; thence South $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 506.7 feet along said mid-section line to the point of beginning.

A tract of land located in the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 24 , Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at the South $1 / 4$ comer of Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 22 Wcst, M.P.M., thence North 144.3 feet; thence North $86^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ West, 151.1 feet; thence South $40^{\circ} 40^{\prime}$ West, 202.4 feet to the South line of said Section 24; thence South $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East 282.6 feet along said South line of Section 24 to the point of beginning.

A tract of land as located in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 24, Township 22 North, Rangc 22 West, M.P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point, which is North $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ Wcst, 282.6 feet from the South $1 / 4$ corner of Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 22 West, M.P.M.; thence North $24^{\circ} 36^{\prime}$ West, 609.3 feet; thence North $86^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ West, 500.6 feet; thence South $07^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ West, 590.0 feet to the South line of said Section 24 ; thence South $89^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ East, 830.3 feet along said South line of Section 24 to the point of beginning.
(Recording Reference: Grant Deed recorded February 4, 1964 in Microfilm \# 164139).
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Exhibit A

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November 20, 2002

## DNRC

P. O. Box 201601

Helena, MT 59620-1601

## RE: Water Right Ownership Updates for <br> Lake County <br> Our client: NorthWestern Energy <br> File No. 70-348-004

Dear Sir or Madam:
Enclosed is an original Water Right Ownership Update for filing, along with our office check in the amount of the filing fees.

If you have any questions, please cail me at (406) 255-7288. Thank you.
Sincerely,


MARILYN J. BENNET'T
Legal Assistant

## Enclosures

# SECRETARY OF STATE STATE OF MONTANA 

## CERTIFICATE OF FACT

I, BOB BROWN, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that on 04/19/1961, THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY was incorporated under the laws of the State of Montana and received its Certificate of Incorporation for a term of perpetual duration.

I further certify that the last corporate annual report filed by THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY was 2001 report filed in this office on 03/19/2001.

I further certify that on 09/28/2000 THE MONTANA POWER L.L.C. was formed under the laws of the State of Montana for a term of perperual duration.

I further certify that the last annual report filed by THE MONTANA POWER, L.L.C. was the 2001 report filed in this office on 03/06/2001.

I further certify that on 02/13/2002 THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY filed articles of merger, merging THE MONANA POWER COMPANY with and into THE MONTANA POWER, L.L.C., with THE MONTANA POWER, L.L.C. being the surviving entity.

I further certify that on 03/19/2002, THE MONTANA POWER, L.L.C. changed its name to NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, L.L.C.

I further certify that the corporation and the limited liability compnay have filed all required reports with this office, that no notice or decree of dissolution has been filed with this office, and NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, L.L.C. is in good standing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Montana, at Felena, the Capital, this March 28, 2002.


BOB BROWN
Secretary of State

Certified File Number: D-029249

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
48 NORTH LAST CHANCE GULCH P.O.BOX 201601 HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1601

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE

WE HAVE RECEIVED A WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE IN WHICH YOU WERE NAMED AS A PARTY. THE RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE WATER RIGHTS BUREAU HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO REFLECT THE NEW OWNERSHIP ACCORDING TO THE WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE. THE ABSTRACT BELOW SHOWS THE CURRENT WATER RIGHT INFORMATION. BOTH BUYER AND SELLER HAVE BEEN SENT THIS aCKNOWLEDGEMENT. IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE.
KALISPELL REGIONAL OFFICE 406-752-3267

| Water Right Number: | 76L 9441200 STATEMENT OF CLAIM |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Version: 1 - ORIGINAL RIGHT |
|  | Status: ACTIVE |
| Owners: |  |
|  | NORTHWESTERN CORP |
|  | 40 E BROADWAY |
|  | BUTTE, MT 597019350 |
| Priority Date: | DECEMBER 2, 1960 |
| Type of IIistorical Right: | FILED |
| Purpose (use): | POWER GENERATION |
| Maximum Flow Rate: | $35,000.00$ CFS |

## Source:

| Source Namc: | FLATHEAD RIVER |
| :---: | :--- |
| Source type: | SURFACE WATER |

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

| ID | Govt Lot | Qtr Sec | $\underline{\text { Sec }}$ | Twp | Rge | County |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | SESE | 1 | 21N | 22W | LAKE |
| Diversion Means: | DAM |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purpose (Use): | POWER GENERATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| Period of Use: | JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Place of Use: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ID Acres | Govt Lot | Qtr Sec | Sec | Twp | Rge | County |
| 1 |  | SESE | 1 | 21N | 22W | LAKE |

## Remarks:

WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED 11/21/2002.

$\qquad$
File Bar Code $\qquad$
Date/Initials $\qquad$
D.N.R.C.

Examination Worksheet
Water Right Number: 76L 9441200 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version Status: ACTIVE
Date Received: APRIL 22, 1982
~ $\qquad$ Not Ok
Exempt? No
Implicd Claim? No
Fee Owed? No

$\qquad$ Not Ok

I | Owners: NORTHWESTERN CORP
C/O LANDS \& PERMITTING DEPT
40 E BROADWAY
BUTTE, MT 597019350

[ ] Purpose (Use): POWER GENERATION


I | Source type: SURFACE WATER
$\qquad$
[ ] Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

[ | Basin Code: 76L

## Sub-Basin Code:



Comments. $\qquad$
[ ] Priority Date: DECEMBER 2, 1960 Enforceable Priority Date: DECEMBER 2, 1960
Remarks:
Comments: Amended
[ ] Type of Historical Right: FILED


I | Flow Rate: 35,000.00 CFS (Miner's Inches: 1,400,000.00)

[ ] Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

[ ] Maximum Acres:

| ] Place of Use:
$\frac{\text { ID }}{1}$ Acres Govt Lot $\quad \frac{\text { Our Sec }}{\text { SUSE }} \quad \frac{\text { Sec }}{1} \frac{\text { Twp }}{21 N} \frac{\text { Re }}{22 W} \frac{\text { County }}{\text { LAKE }}$


Data Source: $\qquad$


Total Acres: $\qquad$
Data Source: $\qquad$
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Total Acres:


Comments: $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Supplemental:
Multiple Use:


Cos (Enter water rights in related rights tab and generate report) Yes (Enter water rights in related rights tab)


Existing Remarks:
P164 INFORMATION STARTING IN 2008, PERIOD OF DIVERSION WAS ADDED TO MOST CLAIM ABSTRACTS, INCLUDING THIS ONE.

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General Comments: (Document any aspects of the examination such as additional data sources, information pertinent to understanding the examination, etc. Use appropriate forms for interviews or field investigation and attach.)


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## REVIEW ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

AN ASTERISK (*) HAS BEEN PLACED NEXIT TO EACH ITEM CHANGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUPREME COURT RULES GOVERNING THE EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM.

| Water Right Number: | 76L 94412-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM <br> Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT <br> Status: ACTIVE |
| :---: | :---: |
| Owners: | NORTHWESTERN CORP <br> C/O LANDS \& PERMITTING DEPT <br> 40 E BROADWAY <br> BUTTE, MT 59701-9350 |
| Priority Date: | DECEMBER 2, 1960 |
| Enforceable Priority Date: DECEMBER 2, 1960 |  |
|  | THE PRIORITY DATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. IT APPEARS THAT THE BUFFALO RAPIDS \#2 HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT WAS NEVER CONSTRUCTED. |
| Type of Historical Right: | FILED |
| Purpose (use): | POWER GENERATION |
|  | IT APPEARS THIS WATER RIGHT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PERFECTED. ACCORDING TO |
|  | INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO APPROPRIATION OF |
|  | WATER. ALL ELEMENTS OF THIS CLAIM MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. SEE CLAIM FILE |
|  | FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. |
| Flow Rate: | 35,000.00 CFS |
|  | THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CANNOT BE CONFIRMED DUE TO A LACK OF DATA. |
| Volume: $25,550,000$ | \#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\# AC-FT |
|  | THE CLAIMED VOLUME CANNOT BE CONFIRMED DUE TO LACK OF DATA. |
| Source: FLATH | HEAD RIVER |
| Source Type: SURF | FACE WATER |

WATER IS NOT DIVERTED FROM THE SOURCE CLAIMED. IT APPEARS THAT NO HISTORICAL APPROPRIATION HAS OCCURRED FROM THE CLAIMED SOURCE.
Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

| $\frac{\text { ID }}{1}$ | Govt Lot | $\frac{\text { Qtr Sec }}{\text { SESE }}$ | $\frac{\text { Sec }}{1}$ | $\frac{\text { Rge County }}{21 \mathrm{~N}}$ | 22 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LAKE |  |  |  |  |  |

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31
Diversion Means:
DAM
THE CLAIMED POINT OF DIVERSION IS IN QUESTION. THE LOCATION OF THE DAM CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED FROM AVAILABLE DATA.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

| Place of Use: <br> ID | Acres Govt Lot | Qtr Sec | Sec | Twp | Rge | County |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | SESE | 1 | 21 N | 22 W | LAKE |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO. $979-173$, DATED $9 / 23 / 1979$, SHOWS NO EVIDENCE |  |  |  |  |  |

## Remarks:

STARTING IN 2008, PERIOD OF DIVERSION WAS ADDED TO MOST CLAIM ABSTRACTS, INCLUDING THIS ONE.
THIS CLAIM IS LOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARY OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION.

OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED
OWNERSHIP UPDATE ID \# 7793 RECEIVED 11/21/2002.

REVIEWED BY : GARY ZIPPERIAN
DATE:

# Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Examination Report 

Map Printed: 11/24/2009 12:18:18 PM

Examination of: 76L 9441200
Owner or Business Name: NORTHWESTERN CORP Total Water Resources Survey Acres: 0 Acres Source Photo Date: NA
Total Acres Examined: 0 Acres Source Photo Date: NA
Total Claimed Acres (Calculated): 0 Acres
Total Claimed Acres (Claim Form): Acres
Township, Range, County: T 21N, R 22W, Sec. 12; Sanders, Lake County
USGS 7.5 Minute Quad(s): Irvine Hill, Buffalo Bridge, Round Butte, Oliver Point


76L 94412-00
Date Received: April 22, 1982
Fee Owed: $\quad N$
Exempt: $\quad N$
Implied Claim: $N$
Checked by: GARY ZIPPERIAN
Exam Begin Date: 11/24/2009
Exam End Date: 11/24/2009


## THIS REPORT IS FOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE IN ANY COURT PROCEEDING, LEGAL ARGUMENT, OR OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Water Right Number:
76L 94412-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT
Status: ACTIVE

| Owners: | NORTHWESTERN CORP | Owner Id: 223849 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | C/O LANDS \& PERMITTING DEPT |  |
|  | 40 E BROADWAY |  |
| Priority Date: | BUTTE, MT 59701 9350 |  |
|  | DECEMBER $2,1960 \quad$ Priority Origin: CLAIMED |  |

Enforceable Priority Date: DECEMBER 2, 1960
Type of Historical Right: FILED Hist Origin: CLAIMED
Purpose (use): POWER GENERATION
Flow Rate: $\quad 35,000.00 \mathrm{CFS}$
Volume: $\quad 25,550,000.00$ AC-FT Hours/day to achieve volume: 24.18
Source Name: FLATHEAD RIVER
Source Type: SURFACE WATER
Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:


Place of Use:



## BEGIN ERROR CHECK SECTION

POINT OF DIVERSION A - POINT OF DIVERSION SHOULD HAVE 3 QUARTER SECTIONS IF IDENTIFIABLE. VOLUME B - NON DOMESTIC PURPOSE, HOURS/DAY > 24 AND NO V24 REMARK:ADD V24 REMARK.

FLOW RATE 'E11' - FLOW RATE > 1 CFS (448.8 GPM) FOR USES OTHER THAN DOMESTIC(DM), STOCK(ST), MINING(MN), MUNICIPAL(MC) OR IRRIGATION(IR).
VOLUME 'F03' - VOLUME NOT FEASIBLE WITH FLOW.
RESERVOIR 'L06' - MEANS OF DIVERSION PIT(PT), DAM(DM), OR DAM/PIT(DP) WITH NO RESERVOIR/ RECORD.


# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION WATER RESOURCES DIVISION 



NORTHWESTERN CORP
ClIO LANDS \& PERMITTING DEPT
40 E BROADWAY
BUTTE, MT 597019350

## RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING WATER RIGHT CLAIMS IN BASIN 76L

Dear Claimant:
The Montana Water Court has begun the preliminary work necessary to issue a water right decree in Basin 76L. At the request of the Court, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) staff is reviewing all the water right claims in the basin for completeness and accuracy.

Your water right claims in basin 76L are currently being examined. This review has raised some questions that cannot be answered from the information submitted with the claims. Additional information may be needed to help us understand your water rights more completely so they are recorded accurately in the decree.

I have enclosed review abstracts of these specific water rights as they would appear in our report to the Water Court. Please read carefully. The issue remarks, if not resolved, may appear in the decree with incorrect or inadequate information. This may make future efforts to assert and protect your water rights more difficult.

Please contact me at 406-444-0506 or e-mail gzipperian@mt.gov within the next 30 days with any questions you may have or to set up a time to meet and go over your potential water right issues. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,
Guy
GaryZipperian, Water Resources Specialist
Helena Water Rights Adjudication

Enclosures: Water Right Abstracts, Maps


Current File Location: ADJUDICATION OFFICE
Box Bar Code $\qquad$
File Bar Code $\qquad$
Date/Initials $\qquad$

Form 643 -Revised October 2008


1. Water right number being severed $7694412-00$
2. CURRENT WATER RIGHT OWMER NorthWestern Corporation doa NorthWestern Energy 223849
mailing address 40 East Broadway

3. NEW WATER RIGHT OWNER Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation 4633

MAILING ADDRESS Box 278

| CITY | Pablo | STATE MT | ZIP 59855 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| PHONE | $\underline{406-675-2700}$ | EMAIL |  |

## 4. PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LEGAL DOCUMENT SEVERING THE WATER RIGHT.

5. PROVIDE A MAP detailing the location of the place of use for the water right being severed. An aerial photo is preferred. You may also use a scaled map, county plat or quad map showing township and range, section comers, and a north arrow.

## 5. CURRENT WATER RIGHT OWNER SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF FALSE SWEARING THAT THE INFORMATION APPEARING HERE IS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE TRUE AND CORRECT.

$\qquad$

Current Water Right Owner Signature: Current Water Right Owner Signature:

## 6. NEW WATER RIGHT OWNER SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF FALSE SWEARING THAT THE WFORINIATION APPEARING HERE IS TO THE BEST OF IVY KNOWLEDGE TRUE AND CORRECT.

New Water Right Owner Signature:

Date: $\qquad$ New Water Right Owner Signature:

IMPORTANT NOTE
A severed water right cannot be used at a different point of diversion, place of use, place of storage, or purpose other than stated in the original water right until a change application has. been authorized by the DNRC.

Return to:
John K. Tabaracci
Sullivan, Tabaracci \& Rhoades, P.C.
1821 South Ave. West, $3^{\text {rd }}$ Floor
Missoula, Montana 59801

WATER RIGHTS QUITCLAIM DEED
(This deed does not transfer real property)

For consideration received, NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, a Delaware Corporation, 40 East Broadway, Butte, Montana 59701-9394 (Grantor), does hereby convey, remise, release and forever quitclaim unto the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, an Indian tribal government organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq. (2009), P.O. Box 278, Pablo, Montana 59855 (Grantee), its successors and assigns, any and all interests in the water rights described as 76L 94412-00 (Statement of Claim) and 76L 94413-00 (Statement of Claim) per the records of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, together with all water rights appurtenant to or reserved by the Grantors from the real property located in Lake County, Montana and described as follows:

The SE1/4SE1/4 Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 22 West, PMM, Lake County, Montana; and the S1/2N1/2 Section 1, Township 19 North, Range 22 West, PMM, Lake County, Montana

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Dated this $7+\frac{1}{4}$ day of December, 2009.


Return to:
John K. Tabaracci
Sullivan, Tabaracci \& Rhoades, P.C. 1821 South Ave. West, $3^{\text {rd }}$ Floor Missoula, Montana 59801

WATER RIGHTS QUITCLAIM DEED
(This deed does not transfer real property)

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## NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

BY: (SIGNED ON PREVIOUS PAGE)
ITS: Manager - Jands \& Permitting

STATE OF MONTANA )
COUNTY OF Silver Bous).

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On this $7^{\text {th }}$ day of December, 20@9, before me, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared PatrickAscoy, known to me to be the Mgr-Lands \& Permilting for NorthWestern Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy.


Printed Name: RONA L. SANCHEZ
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: BuHe
My Commission Expires: $2-22-2011$


A Confederation of the Salish, Upper Pend d`Oreilles and Kootenai Tribes

March 11, 2010

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation $14249^{\text {th }}$ Avenue
P. O. Box 201601

Helena, MT 59620-1601

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Dear person,
Enclosed for filing are water rights transfers and filing fees for two water rights. Northwestern Energy has transferred the following water rights to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes;

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& \# 76=94412-00 \\
& \# 76-94413-00
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If you need any additional information to perfect the record, please give me a call. Thanks. Sincerely,

STATE OF MONTANA<br>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

1424 9TH AVENUE P.O BOX 201601 HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1601

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE

WE HAVE RECEIVED A WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE IN WHICH YOU WERE NAMED AS A PARTY. THE RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE WATER RIGHTS BUREAU HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO REFLECT THE NEW OWNERSHIP ACCORDING TO THE WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE. THE ABSTRACT BELOW SHOWS THE CURRENT WATER RIGHT INFORMATION. BOTH BUYER AND SELLER HAVE BEEN SENT THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE.

KALISPELL REGIONAL OFFICE 406-752-2288
Water Right Number: 76 L 9441200 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

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\text { Version: } & 1 \text {-- ORIGINAL RIGHT } \\
& \text { Version Status: ACTIVE }
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| Owners: | CONFEDERATED SALISH \& KOOTENAI TRIBES \% CLARENCE SKAW, WATER RIGHTS ADMIN PO BOX 278 <br> PABLO, MT 598550278 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Priority Date: | DECEMBER 2, 1960 |  |  |  |  |
| Enforceable Priority Date: DECEMBER 2, 1960 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Type of Historical Right: FILED |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purpose (use): | POWER GENERATION |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum Flow Rate: | 35,000.00 CFS |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum Volume: | \#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\# AC-FT |  |  |  |  |
| Source Name: | FLATHEAD RIVER |  |  |  |  |
| Source type: | SURFACE WATER |  |  |  |  |
| Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion: |  |  |  |  |  |
| ID | Govt Lot Otr Sce | Sec | Twp | Rge | County |
| 1 | SESE | 1 | 21 N | 22W | LAKE |

Period of Diversion:JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31
Diversion Means: DAM
Purpose (Use): POWER GENERATION
Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31
Place of Use:
$\frac{\text { ID }}{1} \quad \frac{\text { Acres Govt Lot }}{\text { SESE }} \quad \frac{\text { Sec }}{1} \quad \frac{\text { Twp }}{21 N} \quad \frac{\text { Rge }}{22 W} \quad \frac{\text { County }}{\text { LAKE }}$

Remarks:

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THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CANNOT BE CONFIRMED DUE TO A LACK OF DATA.
STARTING IN 2008, PERIOD OF DIVERSION WAS ADDED TO MOST CLAIM ABSTRACTS, INCLUDING THIS ONE.
THIS CLAIM IS LOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARY OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION.

THE CLAIMED POINT OF DIVERSION IS IN QUESTION. THE LOCATION OF THE DAM CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED FROM AVAILABLE DATA.

USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO. 979-173, DATED 9/23/1979, SHOWS NO EVIDENCE OF A HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AT THE CLAIMED PLACE OF USE.

THE PRIORITY DATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. IT APPEARS THAT THE BUFFALO RAPIDS \#2 HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT WAS NEVER CONSTRUCTED.

IT APPEARS THIS WATER RIGHT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PERFECTED. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO APPROPRIATION OF WATER. ALL ELEMENTS OF THIS CLAIM MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. SEE CLAIM FILE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
WATER IS NOT DIVERTED FROM THE SOURCE CLAIMED. IT APPEARS THAT NO HISTORICAL APPROPRIATION HAS OCCURRED FROM THE CLAIMED SOURCE.

THE CLAIMED VOLUME CANNOT BE CONFIRMED DUE TO LACK OF DATA.
OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED
OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE 608 \# 7793 RECEIVED 11/21/2002.
OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE 643 \# 70427 RECEIVED 03/12/2010.

