NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy Retained Earnings Statement December 31, 2010 Test Year

| e No. | Account | FERC Form 1 | Non- Jurisdictional* | Jurisdictional |
|---|---|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 6 NO. | (a) | (b) | (C) | (d) |
| | UNAPPROPRIATED RETAINED EARNINGS (ACCOUNT 216) | (2) | (-/ | \ - / |
| 1 Balance - Beginning of the year | | 813,183,365 | 733,525,476 | 79,657,889 |
| | | | 0 | |
| ~ , | Retained Earnings (Account 439) | | 0 | |
| 4 | , | | 0 | |
| 5 TOTAL Credits | to Retained Earnings (Account 439) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | , | | | |
| 7 | | | 0 | |
| 8 Treasury Stock | Activity | 367 | 367 | |
| 9 TOTAL Debits | to Retained Earnings (account 439) | 367 | 367 | 0 |
| 10 Balance Transferred from Income (Account 433 less Account 418.1) | | 76,297,963 | 56,678,924 | 19,619,039 |
| 11 Appropriations | of Retained Earnings (Account 436) | | | |
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| 13 TOTAL Approp | riations of Retained Earnings (Account 436) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 Dividends Decl | ared - Preferred Stock (Account 437) | | 0 | |
| 15 | | | | |
| 16 TOTAL Divider | 16 TOTAL Dividends Declared - Preferred Stock (Account 437) | | 0 | |
| 17 Dividends Decl | ared - Common Stock (Account 438) | 48,996,981 | 48,996,981 | |
| 18 | | | *** | **** |
| 19 TOTAL Divider | 9 TOTAL Dividends Declared - Common Stock (Account 438) | | 48,996,981 | 0 |
| 20 Transfers from | 20 Transfers from Account 216.1, Unappropriated Undistrib Subsidiary Earnings | | 0 | |
| 21 Balance - End | of Period (Total 1, 9, 15, 16, 22, 29, 36, 37) | 840,483,980 | 741,207,052 | 99,276,928 |
| 22 | | | | |
| 23 APPROPRIATED RETAINED EARNINGS (Account 215) | | | 0 | |
| 24 | | | | |
| 25 TOTAL Approp | riated Retained Earnings (Account 215) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | | | | |
| | AINED EARRINGS - AMORT. Reserve, Federal (Account 215.1) | | | |
| 28 TOTAL Approp | Retained Earnings-Amort. Reserve, Federal (Acct 215.1) | | | |
| 29 TOTAL Approp | 29 TOTAL Approp. Retained Earnings (Acct. 215, 215.1) (Total 45,46) | | 0 | 0 |
| | 30 TOTAL Retained Earnings (Acct. 215, 215.1, 216) (Total 38,47) (216.1) | | 741,207,052 | 99,276,928 |
| | ATED UNDISTRIBUTED SUBSIDIARY EARNINGS (Account | | | |
| | an Annual Basis, no Quarterly | (753,578,117) | | |
| | 33 Balance-Beginning of Year (Debit or Credit) | | (753,578,117) | |
| | ngs for Year (Credit) (Account 418.1) | 1,078,494 | 1,078,494 | |
| | ds Received (debit) | | | |
| 36 Collapse of Colstrip 4 79 & 143 MW Trusts into Colstrip 4 | | 0 | 0 | |
| 37 Balance-End | of Year (Total lines 49 thru 52) | (752,499,623) | (752,499,623) | 0 |

^{40 *}Non-Jurisdictional includes Montana operations and other items that are not subject to this jurisdiction.