

- 3) At page 9, Ms. Hirsh states: "A higher return on investment should be granted if the Company demonstrates that the Kettle Falls plant meets the criteria established in the law." Does NWEC have information which it believes demonstrates that Kettle Falls meets the criteria established in the law?

NWEC has not requested the Company to provide information demonstrating that the Kettle Falls plant meets the established criteria, nor has NWEC conducted an independent analysis at this time to make that determination.

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