

Declaration of John D. Hines
In Support of Petitioners' Motion to Stay Final Rule

I, John D. Hines, having been duly sworn and upon my oath, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. My name is John D. Hines and I am NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy's ("NorthWestern") Vice President – Supply, Environment and Montana Government Affairs. I have been the executive responsible for NorthWestern's energy supply since 2011 and have worked in the energy industry since 1989.

2. I am over the age of 18 and I make this Declaration based on my personal knowledge.

3. As NorthWestern's Vice President Supply, Environment and Montana Government Affairs, I am responsible for ensuring that NorthWestern has the power generation resources required to meet the electrical power needs of its customers reliably, affordably, and safely in a sustainable manner consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. As part of my responsibilities, I oversee NorthWestern's resource planning function and the development of NorthWestern's Electric Supply Resource Procurement Plans as required by Montana law and operations of our generation fleet and a marketing function that buys and sells electricity depending on the status of the portfolio. I am also responsible for lands management, permitting, and environmental compliance, as well as NorthWestern's governmental affairs in Montana.

4. On June 23, 2023, NorthWestern provided comments to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on the Proposal on National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Review of the Residual Risk and Technology Review, published in the *Federal Register* on April 24, 2023, at 88 Fed. Reg. 24,854 ("Proposed MATS2 Rule" (referred to as "MATS2" because it is a