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Rick Edwards is the Director of Community Connections at NorthWestern Energy. In that capacity, Rick has responsibility for the community relations, key account, and economic development activities in NorthWestern's four-state service territory. Rick has worked for NorthWestern (and formerly The Montana Power Company) for the past 44 years. Rick is currently the Chair of Headwaters RC&D, and a board member of a variety of organizations including the Butte Local Development Corporation, the Montana Ambassadors, The Montana Economic Developers Association, the Montana Council on Economic Education, the Montana State Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and the Utility Economic Developers Association.

Rick and his wife Laurie have five children (Ashley, Bryan, Courtney, Karley, and Sean) and ten grandchildren (Matt, Mike, Evie, Bodhi, Kade, Maddox, Teagan, Easton, Ben, and Drue). Rick graduated from Montana Tech with a degree in Technical Communications.