

**Docket Number:** EL16-003  
**Subject Matter:** Second Data Request (Originally Email Questions)  
**Request to:** NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy  
**Request from:** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

2-1. Provide the average load factor for Rate 34.

[See file "DR 2-1 Confidential R34 Load Factor"](#).

2-2. Provide the top 25 customers for Rate 34, based on load size, and the load factor for each.

[See file "DR 2-2 Confidential Top 25 Customers"](#).

2-3. Provide confirmation that construction costs for the deleted contracts on tariff sheet 15<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1 have been fully recovered and that those customers have been transferred to the proper tariff rate.

The customers were served on the normal applicable rate both before and after the deviation period. The deviation was for a review of usage after three years. Once the estimated usage was proved with actual usage after the three year review, we no longer need the contract. The Labrie property was short at the end of three years as they ramped up slower than anticipated, but they had new equipment ready to be installed at the time of the review. We gave them an extra year and at the end of that year, their usage was sufficient to cover the costs. Since the load will be there for all future years, it did not seem fair to the customer to charge them a shortfall after three years when we knew the needed usage would be there once the new equipment on the property was installed.

2-4. Provide the excel file showing the calculations of the revenues provided in response to DR1-2 from EL15-023 that was filed in this docket. Additionally, in the excel file, provide the calculations of what the revenues would have hypothetically been under option N at current rates.

[See file "DR 2-4 Confidential Rates With Option N Discount"](#).