



December 9, 2024

Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

via eFiling

Re: *NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation*, Docket No. ER25-____-000
Informational Filing for Formula Rate Annual Update
Rate Year: April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025

Dear Secretary Reese:

Pursuant to its Formula Rate Protocols,¹ NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) submits this Informational Filing for its South Dakota Formula Rate Annual Update for the rate year that began April 1, 2024.

This submission is provided to the Commission for informational purposes only. This submission is not intended to be subject to the Commission’s notice requirements, and the Commission need not take any action in response to this informational filing.

I. Background

NorthWestern, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc., is a public utility engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity located primarily in the state of South Dakota. NorthWestern is a transmission-owning member of SPP and SPP functionally controls NorthWestern’s transmission facilities in South Dakota.

¹ NorthWestern’s Transmission Formula Rate Template and Formula Rate Protocols are on file with the Commission as Attachment H, Addendum 27 to the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1.



II. Informational Filing

Pursuant to Section VI of the Formula Rate Protocols, this filing provides the information to support the input data under the Formula Rate. This informational filing includes the following documents:

- 1) This transmittal letter; and
- 2) Narrative providing additional information regarding the Annual Update; and
- 3) Annual Update for Rate Year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, in Microsoft Excel format, with the formulas intact. The Annual Update is based on historical data from NorthWestern's 2023 FERC Form No. 1.²

Accounting Changes

None.

Corrections or Adjustments made during the Review Period

None.

Ongoing Disputes under the Challenge Procedures

None.

III. Notice and Service

NorthWestern will ask SPP to (i) provide electronic notice of this Informational Filing to Interested Parties on the Formula Rate Posting Information Notification List maintained by SPP and (ii) post the docket number assigned to NorthWestern's Informational Filing on the Member Related Postings section of SPP's OASIS.

² Accession No. 20240228-8001.



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

cc: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission