



June 16, 2025

*via eTariff*

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

Re: *NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation*, Docket No. ER25-\_\_\_\_-000  
**Certificate of Concurrence to Transmission-To-Transmission Interconnection Agreement**

Dear Secretary Reese:

Pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act<sup>1</sup> and Part 35 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations,<sup>2</sup> and Order No. 714<sup>3</sup>, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") submits a Certificate of Concurrence to the Transmission-To-Transmission Interconnection Agreement by and between East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East River"), and NorthWestern and the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") as signatory ("Agreement"). The Agreement was filed with the Commission by SPP in Docket No. ER25-2436-000.

## **I. Description of Filing**

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On June 6, 2025, SPP filed the Transmission-to-Transmission Interconnection Agreement as the "designated filer" under the Joint Tariff Filing procedures outlined in Order No. 714. Under these procedures, when multiple utilities are parties to the same tariff, the joint tariff may be filed by a single designated utility, and any non-designated utilities must submit a certificate of concurrence and a single tariff page containing the name of the tariff and the utility designated to file the joint tariff on behalf of the other utilities.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824d.

<sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. Part 35.

<sup>3</sup> Electronic Tariff Filings, Order No. 714, 124 FERC ¶ 61,270, P 63 (2008), final rule, Order No. 714-A, 147 FERC ¶ 61,115 (2014).

<sup>4</sup> Order No. 714 at P 61-63.



Consistent with Order No. 714, NorthWestern submits the attached Certificate of Concurrence for the Agreement filed by SPP in Docket No. ER25-2436-000. NorthWestern is also submitting a single tariff page incorporating the Agreement by reference into its eTariff database. NorthWestern requests the Commission accept the single tariff page as Rate Schedule No. 45.<sup>5</sup>

## **II. Effective Date**

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As described in the transmittal letter<sup>6</sup> submitted by SPP, the parties to the Agreement respectfully request an effective date of August 6, 2025, for the Agreement. NorthWestern respectfully requests that the Commission accept its Certificate of Concurrence to also be effective August 6, 2025.

## **III. Filing Information**

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This filing includes the following documents:

- 1) This transmittal letter;
- 2) Certificate of Concurrence; and
- 3) Single tariff record incorporating by reference the Agreement, identified as NorthWestern's Rate Schedule No. 45.

## **IV. Notice and Service**

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A copy of this filing is being provided to:

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Tessie Kentner  
Director and Associate General Counsel

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<sup>5</sup> NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Rate Schedules, Agreements and Other Tariffs, RS 45 – Trans. to Trans. Interconnection Agmt. Concurrence.

<sup>6</sup> Accession No. 20250606-5005.



Southwest Power Pool, Inc.  
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NorthWestern will provide a copy of this filing to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. In addition, this filing is available for public inspection at NorthWestern's Corporate Office, 3010 West 69<sup>th</sup> Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

## V. Communications

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Communications concerning this filing should be directed to the following persons, who should be included on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding:

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## VI. Conclusion

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NorthWestern respectfully requests that the Commission accept the Agreement for filing, as requested by SPP, and requests the Commission accept the single tariff page submitted in this filing as NorthWestern's Rate Schedule No. 45.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Melissa Crosby*

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## Certificate of Service

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated in the foregoing transmittal letter, in accordance with Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

s/ Sara Shepard

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United States of America  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**Certificate of Concurrence of  
NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation**

This is to certify that NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation assents to and concurs in the rate schedule described below, which Southwest Power Pool, Inc. has filed, and hereby files this Certificate of Concurrence in lieu of the filing of the rate schedule specified.

**Joint Tariff Name:** Transmission to Transmission Interconnection Agreement

**NorthWestern Rate Schedule No.:** 45

**Designated Filing Company (DFC):** Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

**DFC Program:** Electric TCS and MBR

**DFC Tariff Title:** Service Agreements Tariff

**DFC Tariff Record:** Original Service Agreement No. 4411, East River Electric/NorthWestern Energy Int Agr

Respectfully submitted,

**NorthWestern Energy Public Service  
Corporation**

s/ Melissa M. Crosby

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Dated: June 16, 2025