



Annual Update | Narrative

Rate Year: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

Pursuant to Section II of its Formula Rate Protocols, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation provides additional information regarding the following:

- Single Issue Depreciation Rate Filing
- Form No. 1 References

Single Issue Depreciation Rate Filing (ER24-2186-000)

On June 4, 2024, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation (“NorthWestern”) filed with FERC to update SouthWest Power Pool, Inc.’s (“SPP”) Open Access Transmission Tariff¹ to update depreciation rates contained in Addendum 27 to Attachment H, Depreciation Rates of NorthWestern’s formula rate templates. The filing updated the formula rate by adjusting the depreciation rates to be consistent with the depreciation rates that were approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“SDPUC”).² The commission accepted the filing, effective January 1, 2024, as requested.

Form No. 1 References

Revised FERC Form No. 1 references with this Annual Update are shown within the template on the last tab. The updated references in this filing reflect our recently completed corporate restructuring and the fact that our South Dakota and Nebraska regulated utility now files its own distinct Form 1. On June 1, 2022, as supplemented on September 7, 2022, NorthWestern Corporation filed an application for authorization to implement a corporate restructuring (“Restructuring Plan”) with FERC. NorthWestern Corporation received all necessary regulatory approvals to effectuate this Restructuring Plan. On October 2, 2023, NorthWestern Corporation and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. completed a merger transaction pursuant to which NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc. became the holding company parent of NorthWestern Corporation.³

¹ Southwest Power Pool, Inc., FERC Electric Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1 (“Tariff”).

² *In re NorthWestern Energy’s Application for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Utility Service in South Dakota*, SDPUC Docket No. EL23-016 (January 10, 2024) (“Settlement Order”).

³ See generally, NorthWestern Corporation Application For Approval Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, Docket No. EC22-72-000 (Filed June 1, 2022) (the “EC22-72 Application”); NorthWestern Corporation, Order

On January 1, 2024, NorthWestern Corporation completed the second and final phase of the holding company reorganization. NorthWestern Corporation contributed the assets and liabilities of its South Dakota and Nebraska regulated utilities to NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, and then distributed its equity interest in NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation and certain other subsidiaries to NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc., resulting in NorthWestern Corporation owning and operating the Montana regulated utility and NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation owning and operating the Nebraska and South Dakota utilities, each as a direct subsidiary of NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc.

Authorizing Disposition Of Jurisdictional Facilities, issued November 29, 2022, 181 FERC ¶ 61,161 (2022) (the “EC22-72 Order”); Notice of Consummation, filed October 03, 2023.



Notice of Annual Update & Annual Meeting

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The Annual Update of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation's, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, Formula Rate was posted to the SPP Member Related Postings page on February 28, 2025. The posted information included:

- A workable, fully populated Formula Rate Template;
- Narrative providing additional information regarding the Annual Update; and
- 2024 FERC Form No. 1 (Accession No. 20250228-8002).

The posted information is available on the SPP Member Related Postings page, [HERE](#).

Annual Meeting

NorthWestern's 2025 Annual Meeting will be held on May 5th at 2:00 P.M. CDT via Teams. To register, please send an email to Sara.Shepard@northwestern.com.

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