

Docket Number: GE16-002
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: NorthWestern Energy
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: June 2, 2016
Responses Due: June 10, 2016

1-1) For Year 2 (July 1, 2015 through actuals available to date), please provide tracker account balances by month that shows actual recoveries, actual expenses, and carrying charges.

See files [1-1 & 1-2 Electric.pdf](#) and [1-1 & 1-2 Natural Gas.pdf](#) attached to this filing.

1-2) For the months actual tracker account balances are not available, please provide the monthly forecasted revenues, expenses, and carrying charges through December 31, 2016.

In light of this data request from staff, NorthWestern had discussions with staff regarding the recovery balances and rates related to the current Energy Efficiency Adjustment charge. Based on the information reviewed, it was determined to revise NorthWestern's original request in this filing to allow the current rates to remain in effect with Commission approval to extend the Year 2 DSM program through the end of 2016. NorthWestern anticipates it will file a proposed Year 3 DSM program and budget by November 1, 2016 seeking a January 1, 2017 effective date for new rates. See files [1-1 & 1-2 Electric.pdf](#) and [1-1 & 1-2 Natural Gas.pdf](#) attached to this filing for the forecasted revenues, expenses and carrying charges for the remainder of 2016.

1-3) Please provide a forecasted Year 2 budget, including the extension period, similar to Table 1 in the Extension Request that reflects the 66/34 electric and natural gas cost split.

NorthWestern's South Dakota DSM 2015-2016 Budget				
	Electric		Natural Gas	
	Electric 2015-16 Budget	REVISED Electric 2015-16 Budget	Natural Gas	REVISED Natural Gas 2015-16 Budget
Contractor Expenses (DNV GL)				
Residential Audit Program				
Program Startup (contractor cost):				
Two vehicles (approximate, at cost)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RECAP & Database Development (T&M, not to exceed)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
In-home audits	\$ 216,720	\$ 326,570	\$ 216,720	\$ 326,570
Program Subtotal	\$ 216,720	\$ 326,570	\$ 216,720	\$ 326,570
Residential/Commercial Electric & Natural Gas Rebate Programs				\$ -
Program Startup (contractor cost)	\$ 8,184	\$ 8,184	\$ 3,508	\$ 3,508
Outside Services:	\$ 186,305	\$ 289,205	\$ 79,845	\$ 123,945
Program Subtotal	\$ 194,489	\$ 297,389	\$ 83,353	\$ 127,453
Contractor Expenses (DNV GL) Total	\$ 411,209	\$ 623,959	\$ 300,073	\$ 454,023
NorthWestern Energy Expenses				
Rebates	\$ 328,000	\$ 537,970	\$ 72,000	\$ 95,330
Admin/non-labor (Travel, office supplies, etc.)	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Advertising	\$ 167,110	\$ 167,110	\$ 100,441	\$ 100,441
NorthWestern Energy Expenses Total	\$ 499,110	\$ 709,080	\$ 176,441	\$ 199,771
Totals	\$ 910,319	\$ 1,333,039	\$ 476,513	\$ 653,793
Percentage Split	66%	67%	34%	33%

1-4) Please explain how NorthWestern provided 30 days' notice to the public for the proposed rate changes in accordance with ARSD 20:10:13:17 through ARSD 20:10:13:19.

As stated in the response to question 1-2, NorthWestern is not requesting a change to the current approved rates. A notice to customers will not be required.

1-5) Please provide an "approximation of annual amount of increase or decrease in revenue" and an "estimation of the number of customers whose cost of service will be affected and annual amounts of either increases or decreases, or both, in cost of service to those customers" in accordance with ARSD 20:10:13:26.

A rate change is no longer requested in this filing. There will be no change in revenue from this filing.