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To: Robin Englehart-Bagley [REDACTED]
Subject: EL25-013

Robin,

Thank you for your message to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding NorthWestern Energy's requested Phase-In Rate Plan Rider, docket [EL25-013](#). This is NorthWestern's initial request submission for a PIRP Rider, filed on April 1, 2025, and pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78. NorthWestern is requesting recovery of costs associated with the Aberdeen Generation Station and, as you have noted, the evaluation of Small Nuclear Reactor technology as a way to meet future generation and capacity needs.

This docket is currently being reviewed by commission staff including two analysts and two attorneys. Commission staff will engage in discovery, asking questions and requesting supporting documentation from NorthWestern's staff regarding this petition and the items NorthWestern requests to recover. Once staff's analysis is complete, it will be presented to the commission via the docket and be heard by the commissioners at a public, noticed meeting or hearing. The three commissioners will vote on whether to grant the request during that meeting or hearing.

Your message and this response will be filed under Comments and Responses in the EL25-013 docket.

Given your interest, we encourage you to follow along as more information is received and posted in the docket.

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