



December 15, 2023

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

via eFiling

ER24-690-000

Re: *NorthWestern Corporation (South Dakota)*, Docket No. ER24-\_\_\_\_-000

**Informational Filing for Formula Rate Annual Update**

Rate Year: April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to its Formula Rate Protocols,<sup>1</sup> NorthWestern Corporation submits this Informational Filing for its South Dakota Formula Rate Annual Update for the rate year that began April 1, 2023.

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

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NorthWestern is a public utility engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity and the supply and transportation of natural gas. Its facilities are located primarily in Montana and South Dakota. In South Dakota, NorthWestern is a transmission owner within the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) and has transferred functional control of its electric transmission facilities to SPP. In Montana, NorthWestern is a transmission owner/operator and Balancing Authority Area operator within the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. NorthWestern's Montana and South Dakota transmission facilities are not physically connected and are not in the same electric reliability region. This informational filing and the associated formula rate concern NorthWestern's South Dakota transmission facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> NorthWestern Energy'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

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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, 2023, to March 31, 2024, in Microsoft Excel format, with the formulas intact. The Annual Update is based on historical data from NorthWestern's 2022 FERC Form No. 1.<sup>2</sup>

### *Accounting Changes*

None.

### *Corrections or Adjustments made during the Review Period*

None.

### *Ongoing Disputes under the Challenge Procedures*

None.

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<sup>2</sup> Accession No. 20230306-8000.



### III. Notice and Service

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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.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

cc: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission