

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHWESTERN	)	ORDER DESIGNATING
PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION DBA	)	AFFECTED AREA AND
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S NOTICE	)	DESIGNATING LOCAL REVIEW
OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR PERMIT FOR	)	COMMITTEE
AN ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY AT	)	
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA	)	EL25-038

On October 31, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy's (NorthWestern) notice of intent to apply for an energy conversion facility at Aberdeen, South Dakota. NorthWestern proposes to construct, own, and operate a natural gas energy conversion facility consisting of three Solar Titan 350 simple-cycle combustion turbines, each with a nameplate capacity of 43.7 MW, for a total nameplate capacity of approximately 131.2 MW. Construction for the facility will include three stacks, standard equipment enclosures, balance-of-plant equipment, and associated facilities. The proposed facility will be located in Section 25, Township 123 North, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M, in Brown County, South Dakota. With its filing, NorthWestern included contact information for county commissions, school districts, and city and municipal mayors near the proposed facility.

On November 6, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene have been filed. On November 10, 2025, Staff filed a letter and exhibits regarding the designation of affected area and Local Review Committee.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically SDCL 49-41B-5 and 49-41B-6, as well as ARSD 20:10:22:02. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-6, the Commission is required to designate the affected area relative to this filing and also designate a local review committee within thirty days after the filing of the notification of intent.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to designate the affected area as a five-mile radius from the proposed energy conversion facility. In accordance with SDCL 49-41B-6, the Commission voted unanimously to designate the local review committee which shall be comprised of the following individuals, ex officio:

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| (1) Affected South Dakota Counties
(Chair of County Commissioners) | Brown |
| (2) Affected SD Municipalities (Mayor) | Aberdeen |
| (3) Affected SD School Districts
(President of Board of Education) | Aberdeen Public School District 06-1
Warner School District 06-5 |
| (4) A representative of NorthWestern | |

Any person on the committee who ceases to hold such office or appointment shall be replaced on the committee by its successor, who shall promptly notify the Commission of such succession. It is therefore

ORDERED, that for the purpose of this energy conversion facility, the affected area shall be a five-mile radius from the proposed energy conversion facility. It is further

ORDERED, that the local review committee shall be compromised of the above referenced individuals, serving ex officio, and that any person on the committee who ceases to hold such office or appointment shall be replaced on the committee by his or her successor, who shall promptly notify the Commission of such succession.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of November 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: Kristie Fiegen

Date: 19 Nov 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner