



October 31, 2025

Ms. Leah Mohr, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capital  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: Docket EL25-XXX– NorthWestern Energy’s Notice of Intent to Apply for Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility at Aberdeen, South Dakota.**

Dear Ms. Mohr:

With this communication, and pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law § 49-41B-5 and Administrative Rule 20:10:22:02, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) submits its Notice of Intent (“NOI”) to seek a construction permit for an energy conversion facility near Aberdeen, South Dakota to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”). The Aberdeen energy conversion facility, as described in the attached NOI, is in response to a proposal by the Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) for an Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (“ERAS”) to meet an imminent and growing need for new electric generating resources within its footprint. NorthWestern also seeks an expedited review of the NOI to accommodate SPP’s ERAS timeline to bring new electric generation online in 2030.

NorthWestern respectfully requests the Commission’s favorable consideration of this NOI and our request for an expedited review timeline.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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