

Docket Number: EL25-013
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy
(NorthWestern or Company)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: May 1, 2025
Responses Due: May 15, 2025

Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Generation

- 1-11. If NorthWestern waited to do the nuclear studies until other SMR projects in the country were farther along, would NorthWestern expect the cost of the studies to be any different? Explain.

NWE RESPONSE:

No. NorthWestern is not aware of any data that suggests that the longer NorthWestern waits to study the feasibility of nuclear power, it would change the costs of the studies that are needed now to allow NorthWestern to plan appropriately for our future energy needs in South Dakota.