

**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**

- 1-12. Refer to page 5 of the petition. NorthWestern discusses the Company's internal efforts regarding the evaluation of SMR technology. Are internal costs included in the study costs proposed to be recovered through the PIRP? If so, please explain how these costs are not duplicative of labor costs already being recovered through base rates.

**NWE RESPONSE:**

No. Internal labor costs are not included in the amount requested to be recovered through the PIRP.