

**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**

- 1-18. How many SMRs are currently under consideration, planned, under construction, and/or operating in the United States? Provide the expected commercial operation dates, if available. Provide supporting documentation.

**NWE RESPONSE:**

NorthWestern does not have the information to give an answer on the number of SMRs that are under consideration in the United States. NorthWestern has engaged a consultant on a 'Vendor Selection' study, which is to evaluate the options that are available and measure these against each other for the best fit for NorthWestern and South Dakota. Attached are five slides (Exhibit GFB\_DR1-18\_CONFIDENTIAL) from that study, which indicate the number of SMRs that are planned, the status of a construction timeline, as well as anticipated commercial operational dates.