

**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

**Aberdeen Generation Station**

1-5. Were any other sites considered for the new generation? Please explain.

**NWE Response:**

Yes, multiple NorthWestern sites were reviewed, however, as this is a retire and replace of antiquated existing equipment with new equipment the Aberdeen location was chosen.