

**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**

- 1-7. Compare the current projected costs for the Aberdeen Generation Station to the assumptions included in the 2024 IRP.

**NWE Response:**

Current Total Project Costs are forecasted to be \$1,969 / KW verses the initial estimate of \$1,854 / KW. This increase is due to an increase in market price across all aspects of the project, but specifically related to Medium Voltage Switchgear, Generator Step-Up Transformers, and Gas Turbine Generator Sets. In addition, the IRP estimate did not count for inside the fence facility network upgrades to support the work. (approx. \$1.9 million)