

Docket Number: EL25-013
Subject Matter: Second 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: June 2, 2025
Responses Due: June 16, 2025

Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Generation

- 2-4. Provide additional details regarding the \$79,650 expected to be incurred through the end of 2025 for a contract commitment for study work related to this project.

NWE Response:

The technology landscaping for SMRs is changing rapidly. Along with the changes in technology, requests from potential large load customers, like Data Centers, and their interest in potential partnerships in the development of nuclear, has changed some of the study metrics NorthWestern is working through. With that as the backdrop, NorthWestern engaged Roland Berger to re-evaluate the technology study conducted in early 2023. This study was completed after NorthWestern submitted costs referenced in DR2-3. This cost came in at \$91,597.50.