

Docket Number: EL26-018
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: NorthWestern Energy and Central Electric Cooperative
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: June 23, 2026
Responses Due: July 7, 2026

1-1) In Exhibit A - Maps, the map on page 3 extends off the page. Please provide an updated map that shows the full extent of the map.

Response:

The mapping display has been resolved.

1-2) In paragraph 4 of the Consent and Agreement, how will NorthWestern Energy and Central determine if the "Location is used in a manner consistent with the agreement"? More specifically, if the existing customer wants to add a shop, or otherwise expand their service, how will that request be handled under the Consent and Agreement?

Response:

Central and NorthWestern jointly provide the response to this question.

It is difficult to anticipate all changes that may happen to a service location in the future. Central and NorthWestern have come to an agreement regarding the service at these locations which shows an agreed upon understanding by each utility of the service being provided. The intent of the agreement is that so long as the power consumption at each residential location is consistent with residential usage, no further discussions are needed. If a home-owner adds a garage or shop to their location, that is consistent with rural residential usage. No discussion would be needed. However, if the property ceases to be residential and becomes the location for a commercial business with usage beyond the residential type usage that was agreed upon, then discussions between NorthWestern and Central regarding service provider may be necessary.