



June 1, 2026

Ms. Leah Mohr, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capital
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Docket EL26-XXX - In the Matter of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation's, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, Petition for Approval of Its 2026 Phase-In Rate Plan Rider Tariff Revisions

Dear Ms. Mohr,

NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern"), submits the attached petition to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in support of its request to update its Phase-In Rate Plan Rider ("PIRP") tariff for the recovery of capital investment costs associated with the Aberdeen Generation Station electric generation rebuild and our continued study of the potential for Small Modular Nuclear Reactors as a future generation resource. NorthWestern is also requesting to include costs related to the Aberdeen 3 Generation Station that is currently under development. In its Amended Order dated January 17, 2024 approving the Settlement Stipulation in Docket EL23-016, the Commission allows NorthWestern to submit a PIRP Rider Rate for costs related to incremental generation capacity that is subject to annual Commission review. The Commission's order also placed the following conditions on NorthWestern for a PIRP Rider Rate submittal:

1. A proposed PIRP Rider Rate must be filed at least 90 days prior to the requested effective date.
2. The filing shall include, but not be limited to, detail regarding the proposed generation resources including justification of need, projected costs, and an updated tariff with relevant rates.

In its Order dated July 1, 2025, in Docket EL25-013, the Commission approved NorthWestern's request to establish a PIRP Tariff. Annual updates to NorthWestern's PIRP Tariff are to be filed by June 1 of each year and are subject to Commission review and approval. The information submitted in support of NorthWestern's request to update its PIRP Rider Tariff conforms to the conditions prescribed by the Commission. NorthWestern respectfully requests Commission approval of its proposed PIRP Rider Tariff as submitted with an effective date of September 1, 2026.

Please add the following NorthWestern representatives to the service list for this docket:

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Please contact me or Jeff Decker with any questions you may have regarding this filing.

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