

**Docket Number:** GE20-002  
**Subject Matter:** Third Data Request  
**Request to:** NorthWestern Energy (NWE or Company)  
**Request from:** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
**Date of Request:** July 13, 2020  
**Responses Due:** July 20, 2020

- 3-5. Provide an itemized update of cost increases, broken out between actual and estimated, the Company currently expects to be recorded in the regulatory asset, if approved.

See NorthWestern's response to Staff's DR-1, Question 1-3a as NorthWestern is not seeking recovery for any COVID-related costs. NorthWestern is limiting its request to the establishment of a regulatory asset to record the deferral of incremental bad debt expense in excess of amounts included in the most recent electric and natural gas test periods, effective with the date of service disconnections. NorthWestern voluntarily suspended service disconnections on March 16, 2020 and resumed the process for service disconnections on July 15, 2020.