

Docket Number: NG18-012
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: NorthWestern Energy
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 8/27/18
Responses Due: 9/10/18

- 1-1. Refer to section 4.2 of the agreement. Explain how the parties came to the [REDACTED] figure as this is not quite up to the estimated total cost of [REDACTED].

The difference between the two amounts is the AFUDC (Allowance for Funds Used During Construction) estimated for the project. The total security requested in the agreement should have been [REDACTED]. This was an over sight. Paragraph 4.2 of the agreement allows for a true-up adjustment after actual construction costs are known. The agreement also allows for the annual reduction of the security held if the minimum annual obligations are met. NorthWestern has an opportunity to adjust this amount if needed, depending on the final construction costs.