

Docket Number: NG21-008
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: NorthWestern Energy
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 11/10/21
Responses Due: 11/24/21

1-1. In reviewing the contract, it appears there is a potential for around 18 months of unrecovered monthly charge. Confirm that any unrecovered costs will be passed on to NorthWestern's shareholders and not to the remaining customers in the event the total usage obligation in the contract is met therefore ending the contract before the end of the 15 years.

Response:

Upon commission staff's identification of this potential issue, NorthWestern has been in discussions regarding this possibility with the customer. Both parties are in agreement of the intent to charge and pay the fixed monthly charge for the full 15 years. A signed amendment confirming and clarifying this issue has been filed into the docket as of December 2.