



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL26-43-000]

NorthWestern Corporation; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On March 2, 2026, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL26-43-000 pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation to determine whether NorthWestern Corporation's market-based rate authority is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *NorthWestern Corporation*, 194 FERC ¶ 61,158 (2026).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL26-43-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL26-43-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2025), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: March 2, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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