

NorthWestern Energy South Dakota Process for Modifying Planning Documents

NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) will use the following process to modify its transmission planning documents (“document”) posted on the NWE website at URL [http://www.northwesternenergy.com/display.aspx?Page=Electric Transmission&Item=16](http://www.northwesternenergy.com/display.aspx?Page=Electric_Transmission&Item=16).

Step 1: The need to modify a document is established

- A proposal to modify a posted planning document may be initiated by NorthWestern or a stakeholder.
- A proposal from a stakeholder to modify a posted document must include a written justification why the modification is needed

Step 2: After receiving the proposed modification, NorthWestern will make a determination whether to accept or reject the proposal.

- If NorthWestern’s determination is to reject the proposed modification, NorthWestern will prepare a response why the proposal was rejected and email the stakeholder this response and post the response on NorthWestern’s website.

Step 3: NorthWestern will modify the document, if appropriate, and post the final document as final.

Step 4: All proposed project modifications, regardless of acceptance or rejection, will be reviewed and discussed at the next annual public stake holder meeting.