

o **1923** The incorporation of Northwestern Public Service brings together two electric energy companies in Nebraska and two in South Dakota.

o **1927** The company donates one of its outdated 225-horsepower generators to Gutzom Borglum, the artist who, at the time, was carving Mount Rushmore with a jackhammer.



o **1931-1950** Northwestern Public Service promotes electricity use by selling and demonstrating electric appliances.

o **1946** Northwestern Public Service becomes an independent investor-owned energy company.

o **1941** Northwestern Public Service gives into public pressure and sells its electric utility holdings to the state of Nebraska for public ownership. Northwestern Public Service uses its payment from this sale to purchase natural gas operations in Kearney, North Platte and Grand Island, Nebraska.



o **1930s** Street lighting improves dramatically. Mitchell's main street is lit until midnight each night.

o **1924-1941** Northwestern Public Service continues to purchase dozens of local and regional energy companies in South Dakota and Nebraska.

o **1953** Northwestern Public Service begins to purchase power from Missouri River dams built as part of the federal Flood Control Act of 1944 and passes along \$358,000 in savings to its customers over the next two year thanks to the cheaper hydroelectric power.

o **1961** The new 12,500-kilowatt Huron gas turbine is completed at a cost of \$1.5 million, replacing the Mitchell Steam Plant as the largest power plant on the company's system.



o **1969-1975** Northwestern Public Service and other ownership partners complete construction of Big Stone Plant, a 400-megawatt coal-fired electric generating plant near Milbank, South Dakota.

o **1965** Hubert Humphrey, a Northwestern Public Service customer, is elected vice president under Lyndon B. Johnson. Humphrey's wife worked for the company as a billing clerk in the 1930s.

o **1961** Northwestern Public Service purchases 10 electric franchises in South Dakota, expanding the company's territory from Woonsocket to Chamberlain.

o **1952** The power plant in Yankton is nearly destroyed by the flooding of the Missouri River, only to be saved by the hard work of the city and the line workers who submerge 18 automobiles to stem the tide of the river.

o **Late 1940s** The economy booms after World War II and Northwestern Public Service focuses on growth and construction to keep up with demand for electricity.

o **1979** The 75-megawatt Neal 4 coal-fired generation plant in Sioux City, Iowa, comes online.

o **1994** Northwestern Public Service expands into propane, technology, telecommunications and HVAC businesses nationwide.



o **2002** NorthWestern Corporation purchases the Montana Power Company transmission and distribution system forming NorthWestern Energy. The company now provides electric and natural gas service to customers in Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota.

o **2008** NorthWestern Energy became a part owner of the Colstrip Power Plant.

o **2005** The Great Ice Storm devastates South Dakota's electrical system, with five days of severe rain and sleet critically damaging thousands of miles of power lines and numerous utility poles and transformers. Outages lasted from days to weeks due to the harsh conditions.



o **2003** NorthWestern Energy files for chapter 11 bankruptcy, which allowed us to restructure in order to reduce debt, improve capital structure and ensure the long-term financial health of the company.

o **1998** Northwestern Public Service changes its name to NorthWestern Corporation.

o **1981** The 410,000-kilowatt Coyote I plant near Beulah, North Dakota, comes online.

o **2011** NorthWestern Energy agrees to purchase power — up to 25 megawatts — from The Titan Wind Farm located west of Miller, South Dakota.

o **2012** NorthWestern Energy purchases the 40-megawatt Spion Kop windfarm in northcentral Montana.



o **2022** NorthWestern Energy's new 58-megawatt Bob Glanzer Generating Station comes online, providing reliable, affordable energy to our South Dakota customers.

o **2023** NorthWestern celebrates 100 years of service in Nebraska and South Dakota.

o **2018** NorthWestern Energy purchases the 9.7-megawatt Two Dot windfarm near Two Dot, Montana.



o **2014** NorthWestern Energy purchases 12 hydroelectric facilities in Montana with a total generation capacity of 439 megawatts

o **2011** NorthWestern Energy completes construction of the Dave Gates Generating Station, a 50-megawatt, gas-fired turbine facility near Anaconda, Montana. NorthWestern Energy begins construction of a 60-megawatt, gas-fired peaking plant in Aberdeen, South Dakota.