



February 20, 2026

Re: North Pool to South Pool Firm Transportation - Open Season  
Bid Submission Deadline: March 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m. MST

NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy's Gas Transmission & Storage Department is offering up to 10,000 dekatherms per day of firm gas pipeline transmission capacity for transportation from the North Pool (north of Mainline #3) to the South Pool (south of Billings and east of Dry Creek Valve #16) with the intent that all gas transported via this service must be injected into NorthWestern Energy's Dry Creek Storage facility. The terms of this capacity are as follows:

**Maximum Daily Delivery Quantity (MDDQ):** up to 10,000 dekatherms per day

**Current Transportation Rates:**

Firm Transmission Reservation Rate: \$12.6511660 per dekatherm of MDDQ  
Firm Transmission Commodity Rate Max: \$ 0.0594320 per dekatherm on delivered quantity  
Firm Transmission Commodity Rate Min: \$ 0.0179350 per dekatherm on delivered quantity

**Term:** April 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026

This service will be provided pursuant to NorthWestern Energy's On-System General Terms and Operating Conditions (Schedule No. GTC-1) and Firm Transportation Natural Gas Service (Schedule No. T-FTG-1).

NorthWestern Energy seeks bids for MDDQ, Firm Transmission Reservation, and Firm Transmission Commodity rates. NorthWestern Energy is *not* seeking bids for Fuel Reimbursement. Fuel Reimbursement will be charged the full tariff rate of 2.46% on delivered quantities.

NorthWestern Energy reserves the right to curtail scheduled transactions as operational needs dictate. NorthWestern Energy will give at least 20 hours advance notice to Shipper(s) of such curtailments. NorthWestern Energy will reduce the Firm Transmission Reservation charge on a pro-rata basis if there are curtailments.

In order to determine the Shipper or Shippers that will be allocated this firm transportation service, NorthWestern Energy will accept bids and allocate capacity based on the bid or bids that create the highest net present value for NorthWestern Energy. Firm transportation service will be allocated in order of priority from highest value to lowest value. If the net present values of the MDDQs for Shippers are the same, the Shipper with the highest Firm Transmission Commodity Rate will be considered the highest bidder. If the offers of two or more Shippers produce the same value, they will be offered a pro rata share of the transportation service based upon the applicable MDDQ bids by the respective Shippers. A successful bidder must be able to use or place into storage, if such bidder has storage rights, all natural gas nominated each day at the MDDQ bid amount.

If the Shipper fails to execute a firm transmission service agreement within 10 business days of the date tendered, the allocation to Shipper will be withdrawn, and the capacity will be reallocated to other Shippers participating in the bidding process whose requests have been either partially or fully unsatisfied. Shippers are subject to the Creditworthiness provisions in Section 18.6 of Schedule No. GTC-1.

NorthWestern Energy is committed to adhering to principles of openness and transparency in its open season process. Similarly, NorthWestern Energy is committed to awarding any available capacity on a non-discriminatory basis. In making its



award selection, NorthWestern Energy will consider applicable regulations, including but not limited to any regulations intended to prevent affiliate abuses by bidders, in awarding any available capacity.

Parties interested in bidding for this service must send a letter stating proposed terms and complete the attached bid form. **Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. MST on Friday, March 6, 2026**, to be considered. The letter should be addressed to Dean Vesco and should be submitted via email to [dean.vesco@northwestern.com](mailto:dean.vesco@northwestern.com) or [transportgas@northwestern.com](mailto:transportgas@northwestern.com).

Please contact Dean Vesco (406) 497-2208 or Tiffany Carter at (406) 497-2641 with any questions. We appreciate the interest in using NorthWestern Energy's gas transmission system.

Sincerely,

**Dean Vesco**

*Manager Gas Transportation and Measurement*

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**NorthWestern Energy**  
**Gas Transmission & Storage Department**

**Open Season Bid Form – Firm Transportation North Pool to South Pool**

Shippers are required to bid the stated Transmission Reservation MDDQ, Transmission Reservation Rate, and Firm Transmission Commodity Rate.

Transmission Reservation MDDQ: \_\_\_\_\_ dekatherms per day  
Transmission Reservation Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ per dekatherm of MDDQ  
Transmission Commodity Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ per dekatherm on delivered quantity

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agree to pay tariff rates: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email the completed bid form to [dean.vesco@northwestern.com](mailto:dean.vesco@northwestern.com) or [transportgas@northwestern.com](mailto:transportgas@northwestern.com) no later than Friday, March 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. MST.