



February 12, 2026

RE: NorthWestern Energy Interruptible Storage Natural Gas Service, Dry Creek Storage 18 Day – Open Season
Bid Submission Deadline: **February 23, 2026, 5:00 p.m. MPT**

NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy is offering up to 15,000 dekatherms per day of interruptible storage Maximum Daily Delivery Quantity (MDDQ) and 1,350,000 dekatherms of interruptible storage capacity at Dry Creek Storage to Shippers who have existing rights to use the natural gas transmission system or have pooling rights as set forth under Section 20 of NorthWestern's On-System General Terms and Operating Conditions (Schedule No. GTC-1). This service will be provided pursuant to Schedule No. GTC-1 and Firm Storage Natural Gas Service (Schedule No. T-FSG-1), which may be amended from time to time as approved by the Montana Public Service Commission. The Term for this service will be April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

Daily storage injection will be scheduled in accordance with Schedule No. T-FSG-1, Special Terms and Conditions, Section 4 "Allocation of Injection Capacity." The details for submitting bids for this service are described on the attached Bid Form. Under this service, NorthWestern Energy will have the right to curtail storage withdrawals from November 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, on 20 hours' notice. The maximum curtailment from November 1 through March 31 will not exceed the MDDQ multiplied by 18. The maximum daily injection quantity is limited to 6,420 dekatherms per day. Injections must be sourced south of Billings, Montana and east of NorthWestern Energy's Dry Creek Compressor Station valve #16.

In order to determine the Shipper(s) that will be allocated this interruptible storage service, NorthWestern Energy will accept bids and allocate capacity based on the bid(s) per block that create the highest net present value (NPV) for NorthWestern Energy. The variables considered in the calculation of NPV will be the requested MDDQ, interruptible storage deliverability, reservation rate, and term of service. Please refer to Schedule No. GTC-1, Section 19.1 for more details on the selection of successful bids. NorthWestern Energy will not enter into a service agreement with right of first refusal provisions.

If the Shipper fails to execute a storage service agreement within 10 business days of the date tendered, the allocation to Shipper will be withdrawn, and the capacity will be reallocated to other Shippers participating in the bidding process. Shippers are subject to the Creditworthiness provisions in Section 18.6 of Schedule No. GTC-1.

The current storage rates (per dekatherm) that apply to this service are as follows:

Withdrawal Reservation Rate:	\$5.9466580
Injection Commodity Rate:	\$0.0306730
Withdrawal Commodity Rate:	\$0.0306730
Capacity Commodity Rate:	\$0.0291350



Storage fuel will be charged the Fuel Reimbursement Percentage of 1.14% on injected quantities.

These rates are subject to change by the Montana Public Service Commission.

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 in 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 abuse by bidders, in awarding any available capacity.

Parties interested in bidding for this capacity must send a letter stating proposed terms and complete the attached bid form. **Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. MPT on Monday, February 23, 2026, to be considered.** The letter should be addressed to Dean Vesco and submitted via email to dean.vesco@northwestern.com or transportgas@northwestern.com.

Please contact Dean Vesco at (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

O 406-497-2208

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NorthWestern Energy

Open Season Bid Form – Interruptible Storage Natural Gas Service, Dry Creek Storage-18 Day

Shippers are required to bid the stated MDDQ range for a block of capacity. Bids must be based for one or more blocks of capacity, up to the total capacity offered by NorthWestern Energy. Please enter the desired MDDQ within the maximum and minimum range for each month noted below in the table.

MDDQ Maximum:	5,000 Dkt	5,000 Dkt	5,000 Dkt
MDDQ Minimum:	1,000 Dkt	1,000 Dkt	1,000 Dkt

	Withdrawal MDDQ	Withdrawal MDDQ	Withdrawal MDDQ
April 2026:	_____	_____	_____
May 2026:	_____	_____	_____
June 2026:	_____	_____	_____
July 2026:	_____	_____	_____
August 2026:	_____	_____	_____
September 2026:	_____	_____	_____
October 2026:	_____	_____	_____
November 2026:	_____	_____	_____
December 2026:	_____	_____	_____
January 2027:	_____	_____	_____
February 2027:	_____	_____	_____
March 2027:	_____	_____	_____
Capacity:	450,000 Dkt	450,000 Dkt	450,000 Dkt
Injection:	2,140 Dkt	2,140 Dkt	2,140 Dkt

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 or transportgas@northwestern.com no later than Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. MPT.