

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Paving the way for the synthesis of a series of divalent actinide complexes: A theoretical perspective**

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**Table S1** The relative energies ( $E_{re}$ , kcal/mol) of the different spin states (S) for the complex  $[\text{AnCp}'_3]^-$  (An=Th-Am) at the BP86//ECP60MWB-SEG/6-31+G(d) level of theory.

$[\text{AnCp}'_3]^-$	S	$E_{re}$
$[\text{ThCp}'_3]^-$	1	0
	3	11.38
$[\text{PaCp}'_3]^-$	4	0
	2	0.34
$[\text{UCp}'_3]^-$	5	0
	3	4.36
$[\text{NpCp}'_3]^-$	6	0
	4	7.64
	2	30.97
$[\text{PuCp}'_3]^-$	7	0
	5	11.72
	3	42.60
	1	80.75
$[\text{AmCp}'_3]^-$	8	0
	6	32.33
	4	85.67

**Table S2** The total electronic energies (au) of the complexes  $[\text{AnCp}'_3]^-$  and  $\text{AnCp}'_3$  at the BP86//ECP60MWB-SEG/6-31+G(d) level of theory in THF solution.

	$\text{AnCp}'_3$	$[\text{AnCp}'_3]^-$
Th	-2214.59752	-2214.648778
Pa	-2248.31828	-2248.371594
U	-2283.84485	-2283.904000
Np	-2321.39761	-2321.455945
Pu	-2360.88971	-2360.958261
Am	-2402.44211	-2402.533794