**Loads & Resources Data Request**

**TRANSAC**

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**Update**

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Loads and Resources Data Request has been sent to WECC. Each large industrial customer and each large generation entity received an individual email requesting their data. The information asked for was similar to last year's request. However, in this latest request, I did not ask for any historical (2013) data, as I am able to obtain this information internally. NorthWestern Energy (NWMT) uses the data collected to plan, construct, operate and maintain its Transmission System in accordance with Good Utility Practice and its planning obligations in Attachment K.

Also, the request mentioned Public Policy Requirements and Considerations and provided applicable hot links for interested stakeholders. Pursuant to FERC Order 1000 NorthWestern Energy provides an opportunity for stakeholders to submit potential public policy requirements and considerations and appropriate transmission for possible consideration in its local area transmission planning. Two documents are available on the NorthWestern Energy's OASIS website: [Instructions - Public Policy Project Request](http://www.oasis.oati.com/NWMT/NWMTdocs/Instructions-Public_Policy_Project_Request.docx) and [Public Policy Project Request Workbook](http://www.oasis.oati.com/NWMT/NWMTdocs/Public_Policy_Project_Request_Wrkbk.xlsx)

On December 9, 2013, the 2013 Long-Term Reliability Assessment was posted on the NERC website at <http://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/ra/Reliability%20Assessments%20DL/2013_LTRA_FINAL.pdf>

The electric industry is becoming more complex due to political and social drivers propelling new policies, such as a carbon-reduced resource portfolio. The 2013 Long-Term Reliability Assessment presents the contributing factors and highlights potential reliability challenges and emerging issues.

On February 27, 2014 the 2013 Annual Report was posted on the NERC website at <http://www.nerc.com/news/Headlines%20DL/NERC%202013%20Annual%20Report_final_web.pdf>This report discusses ways to achieve better reliability through Standards, Risk Initiatives, and Compliance.