**Loads & Resources Data Request**

**TRANSAC**

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**Update**

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) has not started looking at any changes that will be made to the 2015 Loads and Resources Data Request. NorthWestern Energy (NWMT) will be sending each large industrial customer and each large generation entity an individual email requesting their data. The information asked for should be similar to last year's request. 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 will mention Public Policy Requirements and Considerations and will provide 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 May 14, 2014 the *2014 Summer Reliability Assessment* was posted on the NERC website at <http://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/ra/Reliability%20Assessments%20DL/2014SRA.pdf> This report includes a high‐level perspective on the adequacy of the generation resources and transmission systems necessary to meet projected summer peak demands. All of the assessment areas that NERC evaluates appear to have sufficient resources to meet peak demand. The *2014 Summer Reliability Assessment* shows that peak demand forecasts are flat compared to last year, which also results

in sufficient reserve margins needed to maintain Bulk Power System (BPS) reliability. NERC continues to evaluate the impact of baseload retirements, particularly coal and nuclear; and NERC also studies summer gas-electric transportation considerations as there is an increased dependency on gas-fired capacity.