**Loads & Resources Data Request**

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**Update**

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) issued the 2015 Loads and Resources Data Request, and the data requested has been sent back to WECC. In January/February 2015, NorthWestern Energy (NWMT) sent each large industrial customer and each large generation entity an individual email requesting their data. The information asked was 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 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. Three 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),  [Public Policy Project Request Workbook](http://www.oasis.oati.com/NWMT/NWMTdocs/Public_Policy_Project_Request_Wrkbk.xlsx), and [Trans Needs Driven by Public Policy.docx](http://www.oasis.oati.com/NWMT/NWMTdocs/Trans_Needs_Driven_by_Public_Policy.docx).

The NERC 2014/2015 Winter Assessment was posted on the NERC website on November 21, 2014. This report is available at [Adequate Resources Exist for a Normal Winter Demand, Winter Assessment Finds](http://www.nerc.com/news/Pages/Adequate-Resources-Exist-for-a-Normal-Winter-Demand%2C-Winter-Assessment-Finds.aspx) The 2015 Summer Assessment should be posted on the NERC website in May, 2015. The 2014 Annual Report should also be posted shortly. This report will discuss ways to achieve better reliability through Standards, Risk Initiatives, and Compliance. NERC identifies long-term emerging issues and trends that, while not necessarily posing an immediate threat to reliability, will influence future bulk power system planning, development and system analysis.