**Loads & Resources Data Request**

**TRANSAC**

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**Update**

The next meeting of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Loads and Resources Subcommittee, which will be a webinar, is scheduled for November19th. Any changes to the Loads and Resources Data Request will be finalized at this meeting. The information asked for will be similar to last year's data request. 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.

On September 20, 2013, WECC submitted various documents to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) concerning the formation of a company named Peak Reliability. WECC seeks to separate its compliance monitoring and enforcement function and the Reliability Coordinator (RC) and Interchange Authority functions that WECC currently performs for the Western Interconnection. In order to achieve this separation, WECC is establishing Peak Reliability as a separate, independent company to perform the RC functions within the Western Interconnection that are currently performed by WECC. When the transition is complete, Peak Reliability governance, operations and budget will be independent from WECC. Comments were due by October 11, 2013. Seven entities, including the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) have filed a "motion to intervene". All this information can be found on the FERC website at **[http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/docket\_sheet.asp](http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/docket_search.asp)**

Search for Docket No. RR13-12.

The NERC 2013/2014 Winter Assessment has not yet been published. It should be available in November and will be posted on the NERC website at [**Reliability Assessments**](http://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/ra/Pages/default.aspx). NERC's assessments provide a high-level assessment of resource adequacy through an overview of projected electricity demand growth and generation and transmission additions. NERC also 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.