**Loads & Resources Data Request**

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**Update**

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) has not finalized any changes that will be made to the 2015 Loads and Resources Data Request. In January 2015 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)

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) 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.