**Loads & Resources Data Request**

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**Update**

The next meeting of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Loads and Resources Subcommittee is scheduled for August6th. This meeting will be available through a webinar. The agenda will include a discussion about adding more data fields to the Loads and Resources Data Request to improve collection, such as bus location. The number of base case scenarios being run will be reviewed for sufficiency. The four temperature sensitivity cases will include class 1 and 2 resources. Also, the word "adverse" needs to be defined, as used in the phrase "adverse hydro conditions". Any changes to the Loads and Resources Data Request will be finalized at the November 19th 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.

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Winter Assessment Data Request has not yet been received. 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.