## TRANSAC Review March 16, 2016

## 2016-2017 Local Area Transmission Plan

The following is the proposed goal for the 2016-2017 Local Area Planning Cycle. This goal will be reviewed and discussed at the March 16, 2016 TRANSAC meeting.

## Goal

The goal for NorthWestern Energy’s local transmission system plan is to develop a 15-year local transmission system plan that will:

* Use modeling scenarios defining current and future load and resource conditions under normal and outage conditions to evaluate transmission system reliability and prioritize problems found, and use a decision rule to identify the best plans for mitigation.
* Consider Public Policy requirements that are driven by local, state or federal law or regulations.
* Consider transmission and non-transmission alternatives to mitigate system reliability problems.
* Coordinate with regional and interconnection-wide entities.
* Coordinate with TRANSAC.
* Present study results and recommendations to stakeholders for comment, and to NWMT management for approval and inclusion in the 15-year business plan.
* Report management’s decision to TRANSAC.