

## Contingency Reserves RFP Questions and Answers

**Q1. Can you provide the amounts that you anticipate will be scheduled peak and off-peak by month?**

**A1. *The amount we will procure will be dependent on how many customers choose to purchase the service from NorthWestern. We are currently seeking up to 45 MW of Contingency Reserves. We anticipate the profile to be flat during on and off peak periods.***

**Q2. We are interested in participating in the RFP but we have some concerns in the spring. Would NorthWestern be interested in a Q1/Q3/Q4 term?**

**A2. *NorthWestern is only accepting bids with a minimum term of one (1) year March 1, 2016 to March 1, 2017, for all 4 quarters of the year.***

**Q3. Why is NWMT looking for 45MW of Contingency Reserves?**

**A3. *Based on the customers eligible to participate in Schedules 5 and 6 NWMT has determined 45MW would be the maximum amount we would need to procure on behalf of the NITS customers.***

**Q4. Does NWMT have something in their fleet that could provide this service?**

**A4. *At this time NorthWestern does not have a mechanism to provide these services from our generation.***

**Q5. Would NorthWestern prefer WSPP D or E?**

**A5. *This RFP is for the purchase of Operating Reserves in the form of Contingency Reserves.***

**Q6. Is NWMT set on just procuring one year of this service or can the supplier respond with a longer term.**

**A6. *In this RFP, NorthWestern is looking for a term of one year of service.***

**Q7. Is the start date firm?**

**A7. *Yes, the start date of March 1, 2016 is a firm date.***

**Q8. Does NWMT have to file the contracts with FERC?**

**A8. *This will be dependent on the successful bidder and FERC regulation. It may be required to file the agreement with FERC, which may be the supplier's responsibility.***

**Q9. Who enters the tag?**

**A9. *The supplier is expected to enter the tag, and transmission service reservation on 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems if needed. The tag will be a capacity tag and the supplier will have to adjust the tag immediately if the service is called upon.***

**Q10. What will the terms be in the agreement?**

***A10. This will be NWMT standard terms.***

**Q11. Are there any Credit requirements?**

***A11. NWMT will review the credit worthiness of the successful bidder to determine if there are any concerns with providing the service.***