

Develop Mechanism to Post Redispatch Cost Information

NorthWestern Energy (NWE) does not have any generating resources of its own to redispatch to clear congestion. As a result, NWE cannot redispatch its own generation via variable cost decisions. Likewise, NWE does not redispatch other parties' generation on its transmission system via variable cost decisions. Rather, generation changes occur via curtailment procedures that are implemented as necessary to maintain system reliability or clear congestion. Accordingly, when congestion occurs on the NWE transmission system, NWE curtails service across the congested path using service priority in accordance with the OATT and, for paths that are jointly owned, such as the Colstrip Transmission System, on a contractual basis, including service priority, until the congestion is cleared.

NorthWestern will work with NAESB in developing this additional OASIS functionality. To the extent that third party resources both within and outside the NWE control area voluntarily make their resources available for redispatch and provide the pricing information to NWE for its use for congestion relief or for its transmission customers' use, procedures will be developed to comply with the posting requirements.