

## **Title: Coordination of Biennial Reviews with Conditional Firm Rollover**

### **1. Objective**

To ensure that point-to-point, conditional firm transmission service agreements that are of sufficient term to have rollover rights, contain provisions that coordinate the biennial reviews with the deadlines to commit to a rollover of the transmission service. NorthWestern Energy will not provide estimates of redispatch costs since it does not have any resources of its own to redispatch. However, pursuant to FERC Order 890, paragraph 914, NWE will provide information concerning possible generation that may be redispachable and will work with the customer in their discussions with the potential redispatch generation owners.

### **2. FERC Regulations**

Order 890, paragraph 1083 states "...we (FERC) task the transmission providers and customers, in negotiating their service agreement, with coordinating the timing of the biennial review with the deadline for declaring rollover intent. Specifically, customers deciding whether to renew their service should have information on additional conditions on the service or additional estimated redispatch costs at least 30 days prior to the relevant rollover deadline."

### **3. Scope**

This procedure applies to NorthWestern Energy's Electric Transmission marketing and Transmission Planning Areas.

### **4. Procedures**

- a. The transmission service agreement for conditional firm service that have a five-year term will contain provisions that coordinate the biennial studies with the deadlines to determine if the customer wishes to rollover the service.
- b. The biennial studies may result in changes to the conditions or hours placed on this transmission service during the term of the service. The customer will have the opportunity to discontinue the service if the new conditions or hours for service are not acceptable to the customer..
- c. The biennial studies done in year four may be used by the customer to determine if rollover of the service is desired. However, the transmission provider may change the conditions or hours with the year six studies.
- d. If the service has been rolled over after the first five-year period, the studies done in the year eight biennial studies will be used by the customer to determine whether to rollover the service after year 10. However, year

ten biennial studies will determine the actual service received in year 11.  
As in b. above, the customer has the opportunity to discontinue the service  
if the changed conditions are not acceptable to the customer.

- e. The pattern described above will repeat.