

NorthWestern Energy
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1-11) On Page 3 of the 2017 SD DSM Plan, NorthWestern states “The Program Contractor is responsible for program implementation to achieve overall and local DSM targets.” Please explain NorthWestern’s role in the oversight of program implementation to achieve overall and local DSM targets. Further, what changes in program implementation has NorthWestern considered for the 2017 DSM Plan so that the program exceeds a TRC test of 1.0? Please explain.

RESPONSE:

NorthWestern and the Program Contractor worked in partnership on the design and implementation strategies for program implementation. The Program Contractor had the responsibility to support the day-to-day and face-to-face interactions that facilitated participation by trade allies and by customers. NorthWestern’s role in the oversight of the program implementation has been to support the Program Contractor, provide collateral marketing support and messaging, direct customer and trade ally leads to the Program Contractor, provide professional engineering technical support, and to monitor program participation.

After discussing the proposed 2017 DSM Plan with staff, NorthWestern is reevaluating the plan’s offerings and will be submitting a revised 2017 DSM Plan that will include this information related to the revised plan offerings.