

## **WIRAB/CREPC Webinar on WECC's Power Supply Assessment (Oct. 6, 2009)**

The webinar focused on the question whether the West has adequate generation and demand-side resources to meet peak loads over the next 10 years. Wally Gibson (Northwest Power and Conservation Council), chair of the WECC Loads and Resources Subcommittee, and Layne Brown (WECC staff) reviewed WECC's draft 2009 Power Supply Assessment (PSA). The PSA is the best available tool to evaluate the adequacy of planned resources to meet loads. CREPC has encouraged WECC to make improvements in PSA analysis that would provide a better picture of resource assessment and adequacy, and to resolve differences in the (WECC) PSA and the (NERC) LTRA methodology and assumptions.

The 2009 PSA suggests a need for future resources beyond those already under active construction. The webinar also discussed WECC intentions to switch from a resource adequacy model (SAM) to an economic dispatch model (PROMOD) for assessments beginning in 2010. Click [here](#) for presentation slides.