

## **North American Electricity Supply Must Be Upgraded**

The adequacy of North America's electricity supply could deteriorate over the next decade as the addition of new generation capacity struggles to keep up with increasing demand, according to the North American Electric Reliability Council (NAERC). NAERC claims in the next two to three years the power supply reserve in Texas, New England, the mid-Atlantic, the Midwest and the Rocky Mountain regions will drop to unhealthy levels. With demand for electricity expected to rise by 19 per cent by 2015, and generation capacity to grow by just six per cent, "the adequacy of North America's electricity system will decline unless changes are made soon," the Council's president, Rick Sergel, said in a report released last week. Transmission systems need upgrading and businesses need to adopt energy efficiency programs to reduce demand, said Sergel.

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