

February 12, 2015

Northern Tier Transmission Group Stakeholders:

On June 23, 2014 the Northern Tier Transmission Group ("NTTG") Steering Committee approved the 2014-2015 Biennial Study Plan ("Study Plan") that describes the assumptions, analysis and evaluation methods to produce the 2014-2015 Biennial Regional Transmission Plan. The Study Plan did not include the evaluation of transmission service requirements, as described in the NTTG Transmission Provider's Attachment K Table 2, submitted during the data submission period. As a result, the analysis did not include new transmission service obligations in the study process.

NTTG has revised the Study Plan to include a methodology that will be applied to analyze the transmission service requirements and additional reliability analysis

The revised <u>Study Plan</u> is posted for comment by stakeholders. Please use the "NTTG 2014-2015 Draft Stakeholder Comment Form" that is also posted on the website and can be accessed by <u>clicking here</u>. All comments should be submitted via email to <u>info@nttg.biz</u>. Please note that to be considered for this comment period, comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on February 26, 2015.

A special meeting of the Planning Committee will be convened on March 4, 2015 to evaluate all comments received and adjust the plan accordingly or respond as to why the plan remains unchanged. Additionally, a summary of all comments will be posted on the NTTG website, along with the latest version of the study plan.

Questions can be emailed to info@nttg.biz.

Sincerely,

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