



Joint Initiative “Think Tank” Stakeholder Meeting Notice

April 30, 2009
Seattle, Washington

In mid-2008, representatives from Northern Tier Transmission Group, ColumbiaGrid and WestConnect joined forces to jointly pursue projects that would benefit from a broader reach of expertise and geography. Collectively, this “Joint Initiative” has focused on the design and development of business cases for potential products and services and an infrastructure platform that will provide value to the region. A follow-up “Think Tank” session was held in January, 2009 to update Western stakeholders on progress to date. Recently, there have been suggestions that the Joint Initiatives process expand to include a number of new areas of investigation. In conformance with the initial philosophy of the Joint Initiatives process, another session of the “Think Tank” is being scheduled to provide a status update on current activities, and potentially more importantly, to solicit input from Western stakeholders on additional activities for the Joint Initiatives. Western stakeholders are always welcome to provide suggested activities at any Joint Initiatives meeting or by other communications to the Joint Initiatives facilitators.

Our next “Think Tank” session of the Joint Initiative will be held **Thursday, April 30th in Seattle, Washington from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Hilton Seattle Airport Hotel**. This meeting will provide stakeholders with an update on the progress and development of these joint initiatives and will provide ample opportunity for Western stakeholder input on future Joint Initiatives Activities

Agenda Topics:

- Review Joint Initiative (“JI”) Purpose and Structure
- JI: Infrastructure Update on Dynamic Scheduling
- JI: Products and Services Update on Intra-hour Transmission Service Business Practice
- JI: Products and Services Update on Intra-Hour Transaction Accelerator Platform
- Discussion of Stimulus Funding for JI activities
- Discussion of suggestions for JI activities

Meeting Place Details:

Date/Time Thursday, April 30th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (pacific)
Location: Hilton Seattle Airport Hotel, 17620 International Boulevard
Web and Phone: **To attend a Voice Conference:** Call **1-877-295-7894, guest code 200**
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2) Enter your name and email address.
3) Enter the meeting password: 2Attend
4) Click "Join Now"

We are looking forward to updating you on our progress.

The Joint Initiative Facilitators:

Kristi Wallis, ColumbiaGrid
Sharon Helms, NTTG
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