





Joint Initiative

"Think Tank" Stakeholder Meeting Notice

September 29, 2009 Spokane, 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 number of follow-up "Think Tank" sessions have been held. The next "Think Tank" session will provide a status update on current activities and a scoping report regarding possible additional Joint Initiative activity. Western stakeholders are always welcome to provide suggested activities at any Joint Initiative meeting or by other communications to the Joint Initiative facilitators.

Our next "Think Tank" session of the Joint Initiative will be held **Tuesday, September 29**th in **Spokane, Washington from 1:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Doubletree 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 Initiative 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
- JI: Report on Scoping of Virtual Balancing Authority Discussion

Meeting Place Details:

Date/Time Tuesday, September 29th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm (pacific) **Location:** Doubletree Hotel, 322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane,

Washington, United States 99201

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We are looking forward to updating you on our progress.

The Joint Initiative Facilitators:

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