



January 13, 2014

Subject: NTTG 2014-2015 Biennial Planning Process Data Submission Window Notice

Northern Tier Transmission Group Members and Stakeholders,

The Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) 2014-2015 Regional Transmission Planning (RTP) and Cost Allocation (CA) processes will follow the NTTG transmission providers' September 16, 2013 filed tariff.¹ There are several changes to the RTP process to align with the FERC Order 1000 requirements. Please refer to any NTTG transmission providers' Open Access Transmission Tariff Attachment K for additional details on the process and requirements.

The 2014-2015 RTP and CA processes began last October with the pre-qualification period for project sponsors seeking cost allocation. **The window for gathering data is now open.** NTTG is gathering all data supporting the NTTG footprint transmission needs and associated facilities (e.g. loads and resources) for the ten-year planning horizon. This also includes needs driven by Public Policy Requirements and Public Policy Considerations, and alternate solutions to the identified needs set out in the Transmission Provider's 2012-2013 Local Transmission System Plan and the 2012-2013 NTTG Regional Transmission Plan. Please submit the data to info@nttg.biz by January 31, 2014 using the Data Submittal Form, which is an Excel workbook available on the Northern Tier website at <http://www.nttg.biz>>FERC Order 1000 Process>NTTG Order 1000 Data Submittal Forms or by [clicking here](#). Note that the Data Submittal Form has been modified such that the requested data is labeled consistently with the WECC Load and Resource workbook.

If the Transmission Provider, Project Sponsor or stakeholder has prepared a WECC Load and Resource submission, please provide a copy to NTTG by January 31, 2014. In addition to the WECC Load and Resource submission, please provide the items identified in the Submittal Instructions Tab of the Data Submittal Form by March 31, 2014. If the load and resource information contained in your submission might be reported by another entity or Balancing Authority, please indicate such in the email with your data submittal.

Project specific data for sponsored and unsponsored projects may also be submitted for consideration in the RTP. Additionally, Merchant Transmission Developers may submit project data to inform the RTP. All project proposals and submissions are due by March 31, 2014 using the Data

¹ On October 17, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order directing the Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) Transmission Providers to implement tariff changes made in their filings to date, including the September 16, 2013 compliance filing which is not yet approved by the Commission.

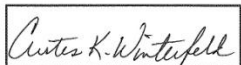
Submittal Form, which is an Excel workbook available on the Northern Tier website at *FERC Order 1000 Process>NTTG Order 1000 Data Submittal Forms* or by [clicking here](#). Table 2 of the NTTG transmission providers' Attachment K defines the minimum information requirements for submitting a project.²

In addition to the project information specified above, Project Sponsors and stakeholders seeking cost allocation for a project must submit to info@nttg.biz by March 31, 2014 a Cost allocation Data Form, which is an Excel workbook available on the Northern Tier website at *FERC Order 1000 Process>NTTG Order 1000 Data Submittal Forms* or by [clicking here](#).

We realize that the transition to Order No. 1000 has required changes to the RTP and CA processes, and encourage you to submit any questions to info@nttg.biz. We also hope that you will join us in Portland on January 22, 2014 for the next NTTG Stakeholder meeting where we will discuss the data submittal process and address stakeholder questions. Additional meeting details are available on the NTTG website at <http://www.nttg.biz>.

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² All information supplied to the Planning Committee or subcommittees must be marked by the provider in accordance with the appropriate CEII document class (<http://www.ferc.gov/legal/ceii-foia/ceii/classes.asp>) and will be treated appropriately by all committee and subcommittee members. The markings should be as follows:

- a) None or "Public".
- b) Contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information - Do Not Release.
- c) Contains Privileged Information - Do Not Release.