



November 25, 2013

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Subject: Northern Tier Transmission Group ("NTTG") 2014-2015 Order 1000 Great Basin Transmission Project Sponsor Qualification Submission

Dear Mr. Willick:

On November 6, members of the NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committee delegated authority to the Planning Committee and Cost Allocation Committee Chairs, along with the Planning Committee Vice-Chair, ("Designated Representatives") to review the qualification data submitted by any Project Sponsor, including any data marked as critical energy infrastructure information or privileged, and to determine whether the Project Sponsor satisfied the qualification data requirements for submission of the project as described therein for the 2014-2015 NTTG Regional Transmission Plan. The Designated Representatives conducted a public meeting on November 20, 2013, with the Cost Allocation and Planning Committees to review the Great Basin Transmission's project sponsor qualification submission for the 2014-2015 planning cycle and have completed their assessment.

In summary, the Designated Representatives have determined that the submission is complete and meets or exceeds the qualification criteria specified in the NTTG Transmission Providers' Attachment K. Thus, Great Basin Transmission has been pre-qualified as a Project Sponsor of the Southwest Intertie Project-North (SWIP-North) if Great Basin Transmission chooses to submit the SWIP-North in the 2014-2015 Regional Planning Cycle for possible selection in the Regional Transmission Plan for purposes of NTTG regional cost allocation. This letter establishes formal notice of compliance with NTTG's regional Project Sponsor prequalification criteria.

A cost allocation for the SWIP-North project will only occur if the project is selected into the NTTG 2014-2015 Regional Transmission Plan and, if determined to be an Interregional Transmission Project, will be subject to the interregional criteria and conditions relevant for such projects. In order for the project to be evaluated for selection into NTTG 2014-2015 Regional Transmission Plan, the Project Sponsor must submit additional project and cost allocation data prior to March 31, 2014 in accordance with the NTTG Transmission Provider's Attachment K.

Please submit any questions on this process to info@nttg.biz.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Leland".

John Leland, NTTG Planning Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curt Winterfeld".

Curt Winterfeld, NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Chair