



October 6, 2016

***Northern Tier Transmission Group Committee Members and Stakeholders:***

The Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) Technical Workgroup (TWG) is progressing with the analysis needed to advance the development of the 2016-2017 Draft Regional Transmission Plan. The Workgroup has established a draft set of change cases (e.g. combinations of uncommitted regional or interregional projects) that will be added to or removed from the primary base cases to assess the project(s) that will meet the needs of the NTTG footprint in a more efficient or cost effective manner than the projects identified in the Initial Regional Transmission Plan.

At this time, the TWG is seeking stakeholder input on the draft set of projects selected for analysis in the attached change case matrix. The change case matrix is also posted on the NTTG website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Please peruse the proposed combinations in the change case matrix and provide input if there is a particular combination of uncommitted regional or interregional projects that you would be interested in having analyzed, along with your justification for that particular combination. Please understand that analyzing all combinations of projects is not feasible.

Please use the "NTTG 2016-2017 Draft Change Case Matrix Stakeholder Comment Form" that is also posted on the NTTG website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#) to submit comments. All comments should be submitted via email to [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz). Please note that to be considered for this comment period, comments must be received **by 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on Friday, October 21, 2016**.

The TWG will consider all comments received and will respond to each request, whether that request is selected for analysis or not. A summary of all comments submitted and the TWG's response will be posted on the NTTG website.

In addition, the October 12<sup>th</sup> NTTG Planning Committee Meeting will include a walk-through of the matrix with an opportunity for questions and answers. Please plan on joining us for this meeting. Meeting details are available on the NTTG website.

Thanks again for your interest in NTTG. We encourage you to stay involved with the NTTG study process as we proceed through the 2016-2017 planning cycle. Questions can be emailed to [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz).

Sincerely,

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