



September 28, 2015

Northern Tier Transmission Group Stakeholders:

The Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) requires that a Project Sponsor intending to submit its project into the NTTG process for cost allocation consideration must first be pre-qualified by the Planning Committee to ensure that the sponsor possesses the requisite financial resources and technical expertise necessary to build and manage the project. This requirement extends to both regional and interregional projects.

The details of the pre-qualification process are summarized in this notice and may be found under the Pre-Qualify for Cost Allocation section in Attachment K of each of the NTTG Transmission Providers' respective Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). A link to the OATTs may be found by [clicking here](#).

NTTG's 2016-2017 Project Sponsor Pre-Qualification Schedule

Deadline	Activity
October 31, 2015	A Project Sponsor (nonincumbent and incumbent transmission developers) intending to seek cost allocation for its project must submit the project sponsor qualification data using the form on the NTTG website [click here for a link to the NTTG Sponsor Qualification Data Form] and submit to info@nttg.biz by October 31, 2015.
November 2, 2015 thru November 16, 2015	NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committees apply the sponsor qualification criteria to the pre-qualification data. (See Table 1 in Transmission Providers' OATT.)
November 18, 2015	Joint public meeting of the NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committees to determine the sufficiency of the qualification data.
November 25, 2015	NTTG provides Project Sponsor with notice of the Committees' determination, either noting the project sponsor has satisfied the requirements or noting deficiencies.
January 31, 2016	Deadline for project sponsor to cure any identified deficiencies

Questions can be emailed to info@nttg.biz.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Angell".

Dave Angell
2015 Chair, NTTG Planning Committee

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Shay LaBray
2015 Chair, NTTG Cost Allocation Committee