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***Northern Tier Transmission Group Stakeholders:***

On April 24, 2019, the NTTG Planning Committee approved the Quarter 5 Regional Economic Study Request (ESR) for NTTG to study an alternative transmission configuration to replace the 500 kV Gateway West and South projects with one or two 345 kV lines between Windstar-Aeolus area to Populus-Borah-Midpoint area. The NTTG Technical Workgroup has subsequently prepared a draft study plan for this analysis and it is posted for public stakeholder review and comment.

The draft ESR Study Plan is located on the NTTG website and can be accessed by clicking “[[Link to the ESR Study Plan](#)]”. Please use the “[[NTTG Stakeholder Comment Form](#)]” that is also posted on the same page to submit your comments via email to [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz).

The comment deadline is June 10, 2019. The Planning Committee will evaluate all comments received and adjust the study plan accordingly or reply to the submitter as to why the study plan remains unchanged.

Questions can be emailed to [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz).

Sincerely,

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