

## NTTG 2019 Economic Study Request Draft Study Plan Stakeholder Comments and NTTG Response

Commenter Contact Information			NTTG Tracking Information		
Date: May 29, 2019					
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Organization: Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate					
Comments			NTTG Responses		
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Alternative System Configuration	2	<p>What is the point in doing an economic study of an alternative system configuration between Aeolus and Anticline.</p> <p>The 500 kV configuration was the subject of an extensive CPCN proceeding before the Wyoming Public Service Commission in 2018 after which the Commission granted the requisite CPCN. Alternative configurations were vetted in that proceeding. RMP has permitted and acquired right-of-way for a 500 kV configuration. The CPCN that was granted by the WPSC would not accommodate a different configuration.</p> <p>In order for the new wind projects and new transmission investments to make economic sense for customers RMP must qualify for the full available PTCs which means the project must be completed by 12/31/2020. Studying a new configuration would effectively prevent RMP from achieving a 12/31/2020 in service date and deny RMP customers the projected benefits of this project.</p> <p>An alternative configuration likely would not benefit customers, particularly if RMP is unable to capture the</p>	1	5/30/2019	<p>NTTG understands your point of view and there are other NTTG stakeholders that share that viewpoint.</p> <p>While data was submitted for the Gateway projects (some segments are scheduled to be in-service in 2020), ROW Permits had not been acquired prior the submission of the Q1 data submittal. The Attachment K uses that data submission for the determination of Committed Projects. Additionally, other configurations that would be similar to the requested ESR, were not previously considered. In the spirit of openness and transparency, NTTG is obligated to consider requests from all stakeholders.</p> <p>On May 10, 2019, the NTTG Planning Committee discussed and approved the Economic Study Request. However, it was also discussed that the final Economic Study Report should make note that there are many factors in addition to capital cost that influence final construction decisions, e.g., permitting processes, constructability, etc.</p>

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		full amount of PTCs available to the EV 2020 wind projects. RMP is not requesting regional cost allocation for this project and therefore the cost of the project will not affect any other regional TOP.			

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Organization: The Joint Parties					
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All	All	<p>The Joint Parties include the Utah Associate of Energy Users, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, Deseret Power, Utah Office of Consumer Services, and the Utah Municipal Power Agency. Together, the joint parties represent substantial interests of NTTG stakeholders.</p> <p>On March 29, 2019, the Joint Parties submitted an economic study request in accordance with NTTG planning procedures. The Joint Parties appreciate NTTG's willingness to work together to develop this study plan that conforms to NTTG's requirements and that should also provide valuable information to stakeholders.</p>	2	06/17/19	Thank you for your comments.