

# **NTTG Annual Interregional Information**

Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting

Folsom, CA  
February 22, 2018

# **NTTG Organization and Planning Process Overview**

Presented by  
Sharon Helms, NTTG Program Manager



# Northern Tier Transmission Group

## Participating Utilities

Deseret Power Electric Cooperative  
Idaho Power  
MATL LLP  
NorthWestern Energy  
PacifiCorp  
Portland General Electric  
Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems

## Participating State Representatives

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
Montana Consumer Counsel  
Montana Public Service Commission  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
Utah Office of Consumer Services  
Utah Public Service Commission  
Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocates  
Wyoming Public Service Commission





# Planning Process Flow Map

## INITIAL REGIONAL PLAN (IRP) NON-COMMITTED PROJECTS

Boardman  
to  
Hemingway  
(B2H)

Energy  
Gateway  
South  
(Gateway S)

Energy  
Gateway  
West  
(Gateway W)

Antelope  
Projects

## INTERREGIONAL TRANSMISSION PROJECTS

SWIP  
North  
(SWIPN)

Cross  
Tie

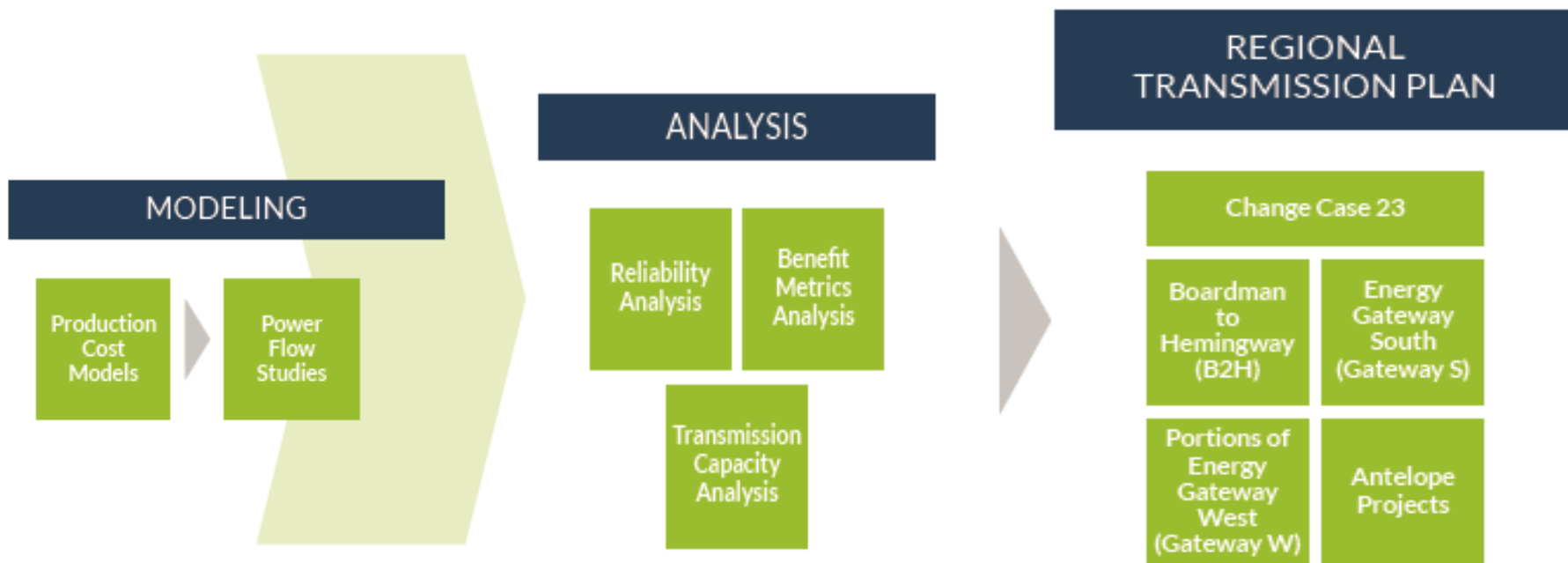
TransWest  
Express  
(TWE)

## CHANGE CASES CONSIDERED

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CASE							
null							
pRTP	X	X	d				
iRTP	X	X	X	X			
CC1	X						
CC2		X		X			
CC3		X	X				
CC4	X		X	X			
CC5							X
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CC12					X		
CC13			X		X		
CC19		X	X		X		
CC14		X	X		X	X	
CC15			X		X		X
CC16		X				X	X
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CC23	X	X	c	X			



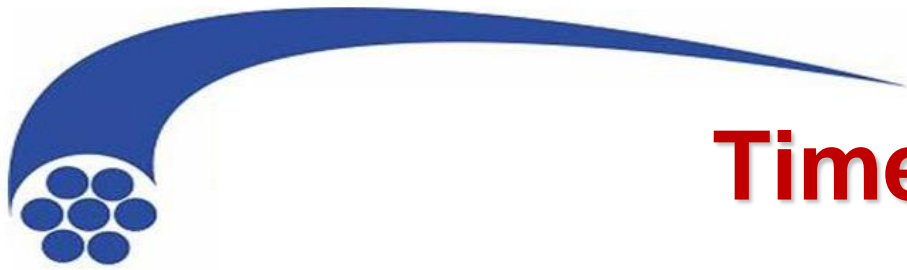
# Planning Process Flow Map



# **NTTG 2016-2017 Regional Plan Overview**

Presented by  
Chelsea Loomis, NTTG Planning Committee Chair





# Timeline

**Q1-Q4  
2016**

**Q1**  
Regional  
Transmission  
Plan Data  
Gathering  
and Economic  
Study Request  
Window

**Q2**  
Study Plan  
Development  
and Approval

**Q3-Q4**  
Run Studies

**Q4**  
Draft Regional  
Transmission  
Plan and  
Economic  
Study Results

**Q5-Q8  
2017**

**Q5**  
Stakeholder  
Review, Data  
Updates and  
Economic  
Study Request  
Window

**Q6**  
Cost  
Allocation,  
Draft Final  
Regional  
Transmission  
Plan (DFRTP)

**Q7**  
DFRTP  
Review

**Q8**  
Project Sponsor  
Pre-qualification  
for Next Cycle  
  
Regional Transmission  
Plan Approval and  
Economic Study Results



## Quarter 1 and Quarter 2

- Q1: Data Submittals
  - Load, resource, firm service, interregional projects, PPR/PPC, capital/reserves/losses
- Q2: Develop Study Plan
  - 10 year look at the system
  - Technical Work Group, composed of members of the Planning Committee
  - Approval of Study Plan from Steering Committee

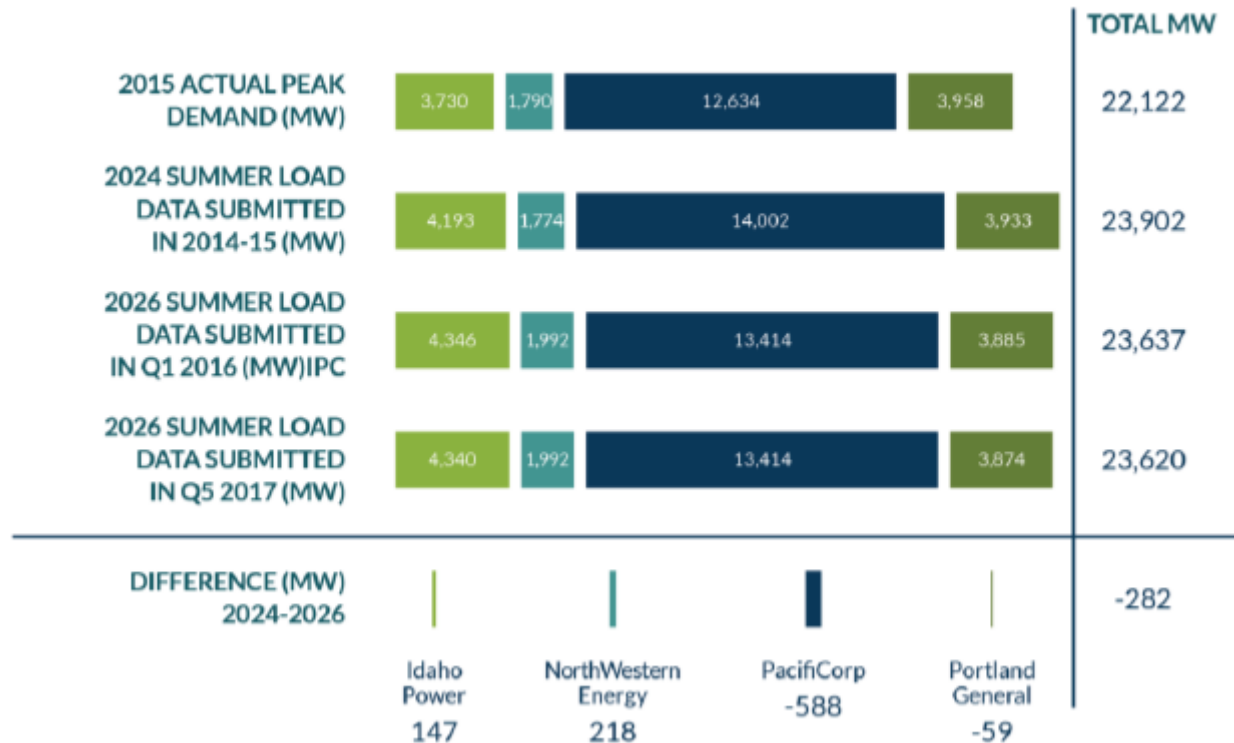




SPONSOR	FROM	TO	VOLTAGE	CIRCUIT	TYPE	REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT 6	COMMITTED	PROJECTS
DESERET G&T	Bonanza	Upalco	138 kV	2	LTP	No	No	New Line
IDAHO POWER	Longhorn	Hemingway	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP <sup>7</sup>	Yes	No	Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Project
	Hemingway	Bowmont	230 kV	2	LTP	Yes	No	New Line (associated with Boardman to Hemingway)
	Bowmont	Hubbard	230 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	New Line (associated with Boardman to Hemingway)
	Cedar Hill	Hemingway	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #9 (joint with PacifiCorp East)
	Cedar Hill	Midpoint	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #10
	Midpoint	Borah	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	(convert existing from 345 kV operation)
	King	Wood River	138 kV	1	LTP	No	No	Line Reconductor
	Willis	Star	138 kV	1	LTP	No	No	New Line
MATL	SE Alberta		DC	1	LTP	Yes	No	MATL 600 MW Back to Back DC Converter
PACIFICORP EAST	Aeolus	Clover	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway South Project – Segment #2
	Aeolus	Anticline	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segments 2&3
	Anticline	Jim Bridger	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	345/500 kV Tie
	Anticline	Populus	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #4
	Populus	Borah	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #5
	Populus	Cedar Hill	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #7
	Antelope	Goshen	345 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Nuclear Resource Integration
	Antelope	Borah	345 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Nuclear Resource Integration
	Windstar	Aeolus	230 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #1W
	Oquirrh	Terminal	345 kV	2	LTP	Yes	Yes	Gateway Central
PACIFICORP WEST	Cedar Hill	Hemingway	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #9 (joint with Idaho Power)
	Wallula	McNary	230 kV	1	LTP	Yes	Yes	Gateway West Segment A
PORTLAND GENERAL	Blue Lake	Gresham	230 kV	1	LTP	No	No	New Line
	Blue Lake	Troutdale	230 kV	1	LTP	No	No	Rebuild
	Blue Lake	Troutdale	230 kV	2	LTP	No	No	New Line
	Horizon	Springville Jct	230 kV	1	LTP	No	No	New Line (Trojan-St Marys-Horizon)
	Horizon	Harborton	230 kV	1	LTP	No	No	New Line (re-terminates Horizon Line)
	Trojan	Harborton	230 kV	1	LTP	No	No	Re-termination to Harborton
	St Marys	Harborton	230 kV	1	LTP	No	No	Re-termination to Harborton
	Rivergate	Harborton	230 kV	1	LTP	No	No	Re-termination to Harborton
	Trojan	Harborton	230 kV	2	LTP	No	No	Re-termination to Harborton

# Q1: Forecasted Loads

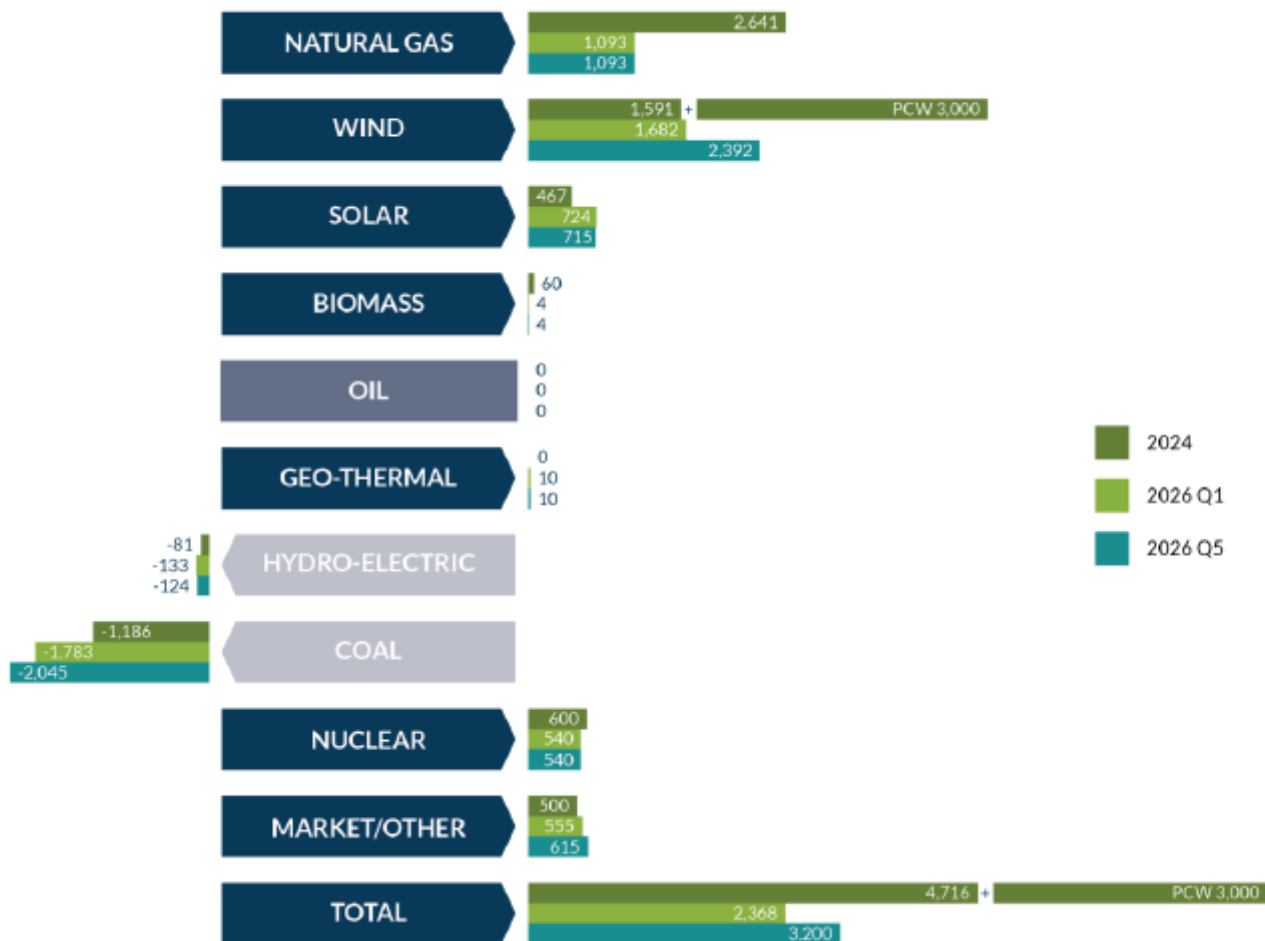
## 2026 NTTG FORECASTED LOADS

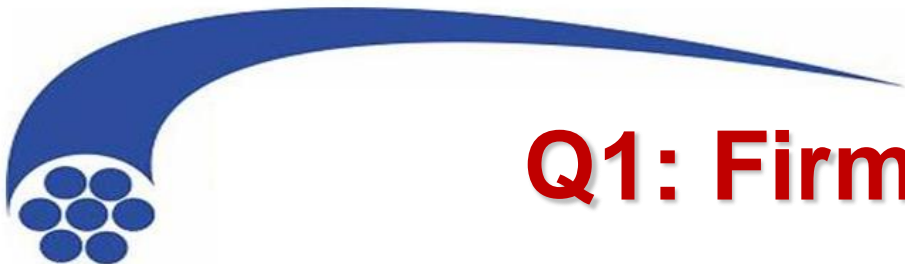




# Q1: Forecasted Resources

## COMPARISON OF FORECASTED RESOURCES (MW)





# Q1: Firm Service





## **Q1: Public Policy Consideration**

- NTTG received one combined request from Renewable Northwest and the Northwest Renewable Energy Coalition
- Accelerated phase out of Colstrip Unit 3 (CS units 1 and 2 already assumed offline)
- Analysis was performed in Q5

# Interregional Projects



- Cross-Tie: 500 kV AC, 213 miles, 1500 MW
- SWIP: 500 kV AC, 275 miles, 2000 MW
- Transwest Express:  $\pm 600$  kV, 730 miles, phased 1500/3000 MW





## **Q2: Development of Study Plan**

- Methodology
- Assumptions
- Software to be used
  - Production Cost Modeling: GridView
  - Power flow: PowerWorld
- Criteria
- Public Policy Requirements/Considerations



# Study Plan Considerations

- NTTG assumed firm service for new projects
  - A note has been added to the data submittal form to clarify if new generation has associated firm transmission
- Goal: Find the “more efficient or cost effective” combination of projects



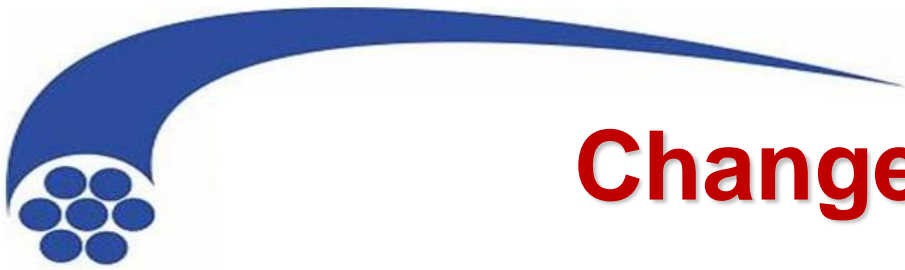
# Development of Base Cases

- “Round Trip” process
- Started with WECC 25hs1a (PF) and WECC TEPPC CC1.3 (PCM)
- Ran PCM which resulted in 8760 hours
- Selected 7 Stress cases from the 8760 hours
- Converted those PCM cases back to transient-stability ready PF cases



# The 7 Power Flow Base Cases

STRESSED CONDITION	DATE	HOUR	TWG LABEL
Max. NTTG Summer Peak	July 22, 2026	16:00	A
Max. NTTG Winter Peak	December 8, 2026	19:00	B
Max. MT to NW	September 10, 2026	Midnight	C
High Southern Idaho Import	June 11, 2026	14:00	D1
High Southern Idaho Export	September 17, 2026	2:00	D2
High Tot2 Flows	November 11, 2026	17:00	E
High Wyoming Wind	September 17, 2026	2:00	F



# Change Cases

- Null Case: Today's topology with forecasted changes
- Start with the Initial Regional Transmission Plan
  - Rollup of projects identified in the local plans  
AND those from the prior Regional Plan
- Scenarios where one or more of the Alternative Projects is added to or replaces one or more Non-Committed project in the Initial Regional Transmission Plan



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CASE								STRESSED CONDITIONS
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pRTP	X	X	d					A B D1 D2 F
iRTP	X	X	X	X				A B D1 D2 E F
CC1	X							A B D1 D2 F
CC2		X		X				A D2 E F
CC3		X	X					A B D1 D2 E F
CC4	X		X	X				A B D1 D2 E F
CC5							X	A B D1 D2 F
CC6						X		A B D1 D2 F
CC7					X			A B D1 D2 F
CC8							X	E+RPS
CC9		X					X	E+RPS
CC20		X	X				X	E+RPS
CC10						X		E+RPS
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CC15			X		X		X	E+RPS
CC16		X				X	X	E+RPS
CC17		X	X		X	X	X	E+RPS
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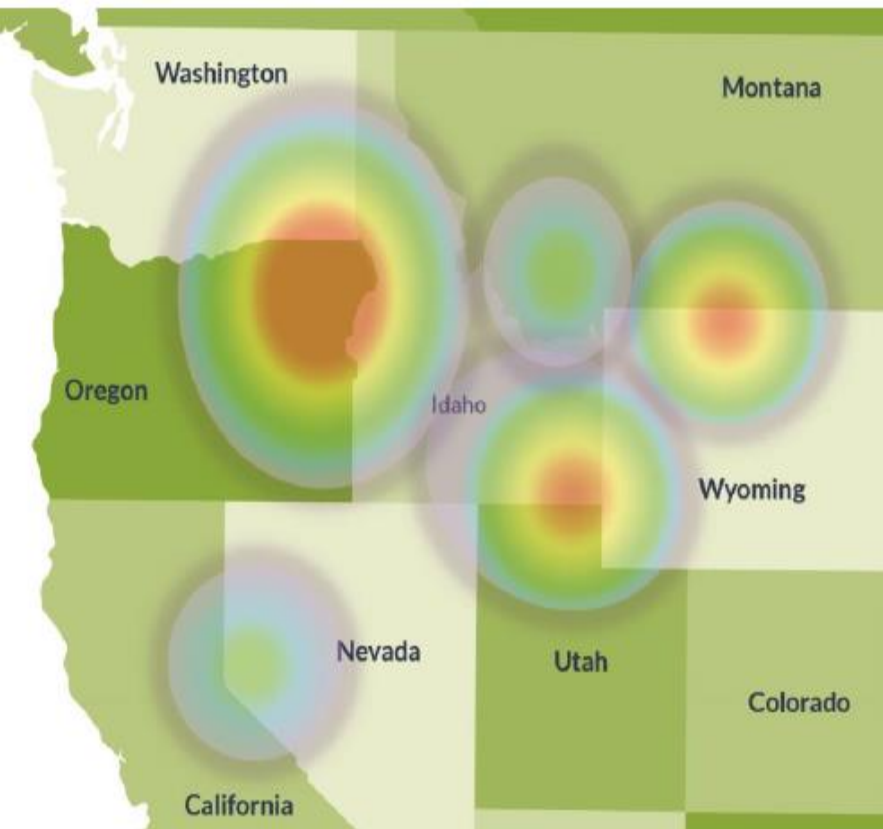
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iRTP	X	X	X	X				A B D1 D2 E F
CC1	X							A B D1 D2 F
CC2		X						A D2 E F
CC3		X	X					A B D1 D2 E F
CC4	X		X					A B D1 D2 E F
CC5							X	A B D1 D2 F
CC7								E+RPS
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CC17			X		X	X	X	E+RPS
CC21	X	X	a	X				D2 F
CC22	X	X	b	X				D2 F
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Altogether, NTTG  
Analyzed over 100  
cases with over 410  
contingencies for each  
case



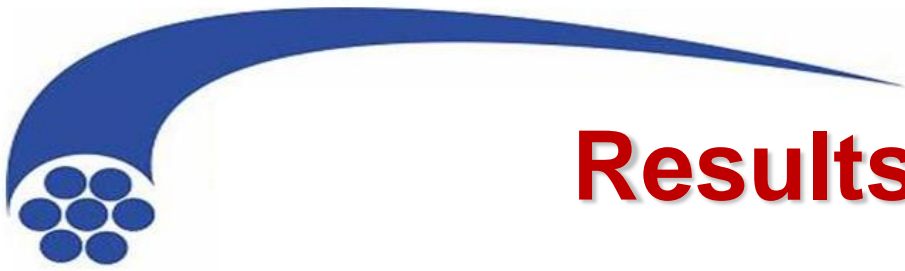
# Results: Heat Map Example

D2: Null Case, demonstrates violations



D2: Initial Regional Plan, demonstrates improvement from Null Case analysis





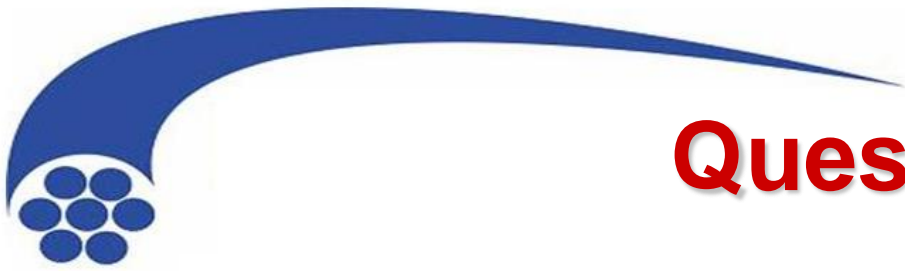
## Results (cont.)

- Initial RTP, change case 21 and change case 23 satisfy reliability criteria
- Further evaluation after the Q5 data submittal indicated that change case 23 is the configuration that meets the needs of the NTTG footprint as well as being the most cost effective



# Projects Selected into NTTG's Regional Transmission Plan





# Questions





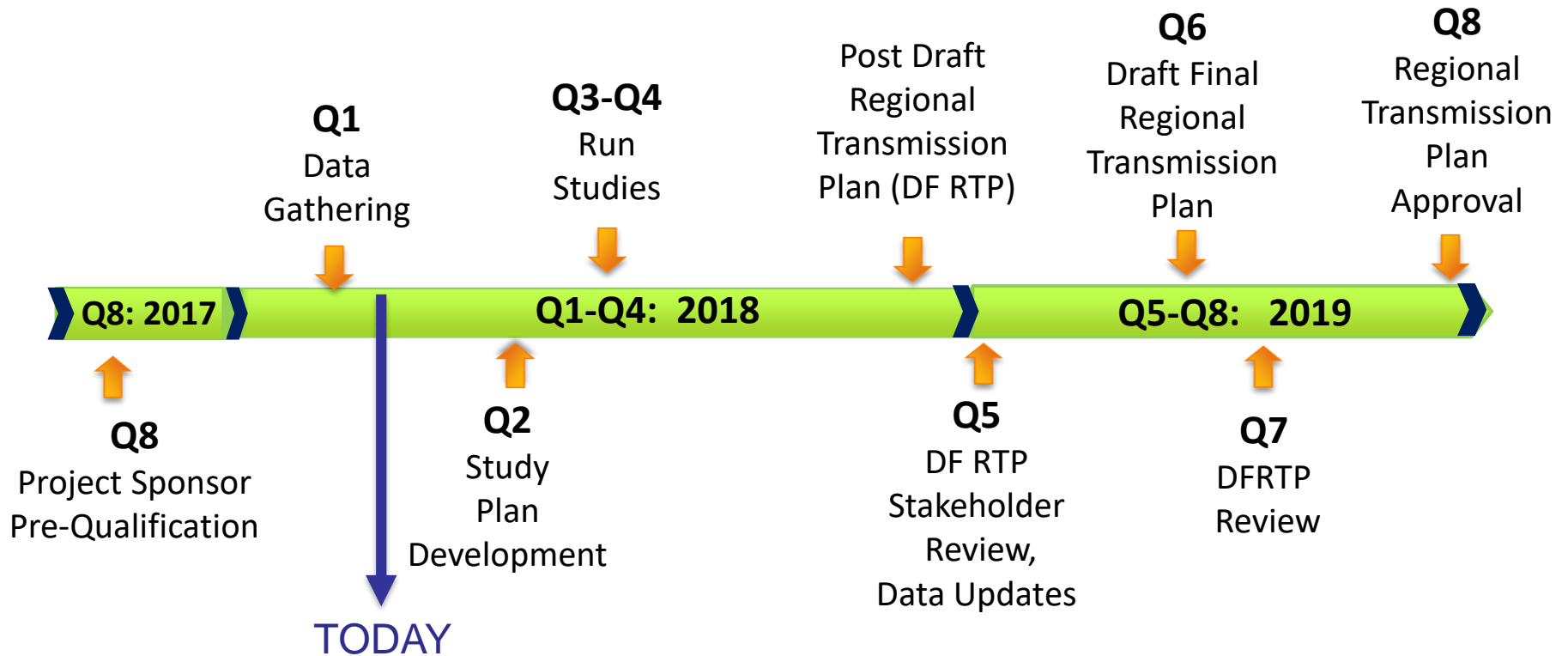
# **NTTG 2018-2019 Planning Activities**

Presented by  
Sharon Helms, NTTG Program Manager





# 2018-2019 Process Timeline





# Key 2018 Planning Milestones

Milestone	Key Dates
<b>Q1 Data Submittal Window Closes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects, NTA's and ITP's</li><li>• Local TP Plans/Needs</li><li>• Public Policy Consideration Studies</li><li>• Economic Congestion Studies</li></ul>	<b>March 31, 2018</b>
• Stakeholder Meeting – Portland, Oregon	April 26, 2018
2018-19 Study Plan Posted for Stakeholder Comment	May, 2018
• Stakeholder Meeting – Boise, Idaho	June 21, 2018
<b>2018-19 Study Plan Approval</b>	<b>July 10, 2018</b>
Q3-Q4 Reliability and Economic Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stakeholder Meeting – Bozeman, Montana</li><li>• Stakeholder Meeting – SLC, Utah</li></ul>	September 27, 2018 December 13, 2018
<b>2018-19 Draft Regional Transmission Plan Posted</b>	<b>December 31, 2018</b>

# **NTTG Use of ADS in 2018-2019 Biennial Cycle**

Presented by  
Ron Schellberg, NTTG TWG Project Manager



# NTTG Use of 2028 ADS in Studies

- The ADS forms the basis for its studies, subject to:
  - A consistency check with the Prior Regional Transmission Plan (pRTP) and Quarter 1 data submittals (due March 31st)
  - There are known differences between the 28hs1a Powerflow case which is the basis of the 2028 ADS and the pRTP
    - Mostly missing resources, but there may be also bulk transmission addition difference as well.
- Change files will be developed in layers to track recommended changes to draft ADS (delivered in March 2018) that should be incorporated into the Final 2028 ADS (delivered in June 2018), for example:
  - Layer 1 – Missing resources and transmission missing from draft ADS based upon pRTP
  - Layer 2 – Changes necessary to reflect Q1 Data submittals



# NTTG Use of 2028 ADS in Studies

- Studies are performed and managed by the Technical Workgroup, comprised of NTTG members with study expertise. The Technical Workgroup reports to the NTTG Planning Committee.
- NTTG will review and validate modified ADS prior to performing studies
- Typically, NTTG will select 6+ conditions for study, which may include:
  - Heavy Summer Peak NTTG loads
  - Heavy Winter Peak NTTG Loads
  - Selected stressed path conditions:
    - Colstrip System
    - Tot 2 with North-to-South flows
    - Low/High renewable production (no change in installed capacity)



# NTTG Use of 2028 ADS in Studies

- NTTG will use the ADS to extract study seed conditions for its studies
  - These seed conditions may need to be adjusted to meet the study objectives. Examples:
    - Heavy Summer and Winter NTTG co-incident loads will be scaled from 1 in 2 to 1 in 5 and/or 1 in 10 probability
    - Adjust interchange/resource dispatch to meet path flow targets.
- NTTG will study a subset of these conditions using today's network topology (Null Case)





# **NTTG Use of 2028 ADS in Studies**

- NTTG typically analyzes each condition with over 400 single and credible double contingencies.
- NTTG depending on contingency results, additional dynamic simulations may be performed.
- Results will be tabulated or displayed in heat-map form in a manor that does not expose CEII
- Studies will begin in July and a draft study report will be drafted and available by the end of the year.