



# **NTTG 2018-2019 DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSMISSION PLAN**

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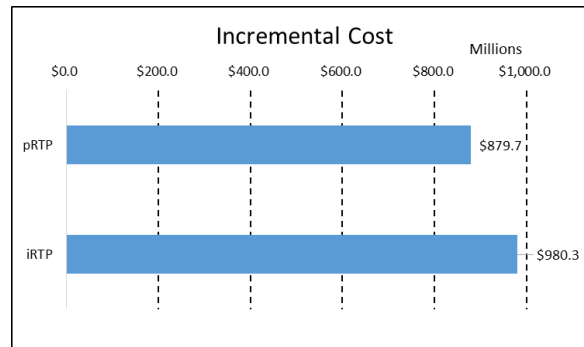
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## I. Executive Summary

The objective of the Northern Tier Transmission Group (“NTTG”) Regional Transmission Plan (“RTP”) is to evaluate, from a regional perspective, whether NTTG’s transmission needs may be satisfied on a regional or interregional basis more efficiently or cost effectively than through local planning processes. This report is the result of the assumptions outlined in the report. The consumers of the report must recognize this and factor it into their deliberations. NTTG’s 2018-2019 Regional Transmission Plan will be finalized and posted by the end of Quarter 8, December 2019.

During the first year of the NTTG 2018-2019 biennial planning cycle, the Technical Work Group (“TWG”) of the NTTG Planning Committee evaluated the prior Regional Transmission Plan (pRTP) developed in the 2016-2017 planning cycle, the Initial Regional Transmission Plan (“IRTP”)<sup>1</sup> and 33 Change Case<sup>2</sup> plans that included Non-Committed regional projects and Interregional Transmission Projects to determine a more efficient or cost effective plan. The complete study methodology can be found in [Section III](#). Through a reliability study process the TWG narrowed the number of potential Draft Regional Transmission Plan (“dRTP”) cases to two – the IRTP and the pRTP.

NTTG conducted an economic analysis of the IRTP and the pRTP after completing the reliability analysis. The economic analysis compared the annualized incremental costs of the two Change Cases. The annual incremental cost was computed as the sum of three metrics - the capital related costs, monetized energy loss benefit and monetized reserve benefit. Figure 1 below displays the results of the incremental cost analysis.



**Figure 1 – Summary of Incremental Costs for 2028 NTTG Study Cases**

<sup>1</sup> The IRTP includes projects in the prior Regional Transmission Plan, projects in the Funders Local Transmission Plans, and accounts for future generation additions and deletions (e.g., announced coal retirements).

<sup>2</sup> A Change Case is where one or more of the Alternative Projects is added to or replaces one or more Non-Committed Projects in the IRTP. The deletion or deferral of a Non-Committed Project in the IRTP without including an Alternative Project can also be a Change Case.

Based on the reliability and economic considerations for the transfers studied, the more efficient or cost-effective draft plan is the pRTP. Detailed pictorially, the dRTP<sup>3</sup> is comprised of the following regionally significant Non-Committed Projects:

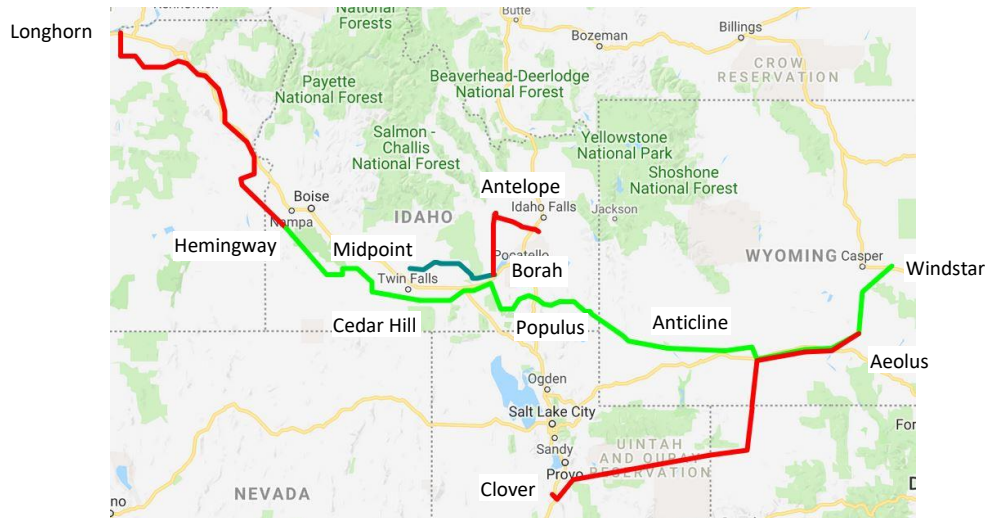


Figure 2 - dRTP Projects

## II. Introduction

The NTTG 2018-2019 Draft Regional Transmission Plan was developed in accordance with the NTTG's Transmission Providers' Attachment K that included FERC Order 1000 regional and interregional transmission planning requirements<sup>4</sup>. The dRTP is a result of reliability and economic studies and activities outlined in the NTTG Biennial Study Plan for the 2018-2019 Regional Planning Cycle<sup>5</sup> and carried out by the NTTG Technical Work Group<sup>6</sup>. In Quarter 1 and again in Quarter 5, NTTG receives data from its Transmission Providers ("TPs") and stakeholders concerning forecasted firm obligations and commitments that the NTTG footprint transmission system is required to support. These include load forecast, resource, transmission service, and Public Policy Requirement submissions described in further detail below.

<sup>3</sup> The dRTP is comprised of the same projects included in the pRTP.

<sup>4</sup> [Link to Full Funder Attachment Ks](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Link to the 2018-2019 NTTG Study Plan](#)

<sup>6</sup> This work group was established by the NTTG Planning Committee chair to create the study plan and perform the technical evaluations necessary to develop the Regional Transmission Plan. The TWG is comprised of the NTTG Planning Committee members or their representatives who have access to and expertise in power system power flow analysis or production cost modeling, are committed to participating in the entirety of the planning process (not just a single study or phase), and will ensure completion of those assignments in a cooperative and timely manner.

## A. Load Forecast

The forecasted loads for Balancing Authority Areas internal to the NTTG footprint were provided in response to the Quarter 1 data request. These loads represent an average expected peak<sup>7</sup>, and are generally those in the participating load serving entities' official load forecasts (such as those in integrated resource plans) to serve network load and are similar to those provided to the Load and Resource Subcommittee of the WECC Planning Coordination Committee. Table 1 summarizes the load forecast used in the 2018-2019 planning cycle.

SUBMITTED BY:	2017 Actual Peak Demand (MW)	2026 Summer Load Data Submitted in 2016-17 (MW)	2028 Summer Load Data Submitted in Q1 2018 (MW)	Difference (MW) 2026-2028
Idaho Power	3,806	4,346	4,412	66
NorthWestern	1,803	1,992	2,027	35
PacifiCorp	12,634**	13,044	13,386	342
Portland General	4,023	3,885	3,928	43
<b>TOTAL*</b>	22,266	23,267	23,753	486
* Loads for Deseret G&T and UAMPS are included in PacifiCorp East				
** 2016 July Peak Demand				

**Table 1: January 2018 Data Submittal – Load Comparison**

## B. Resource submissions

Resources provided in response to the Quarter 1 data requests are incremental to existing resources within the NTTG footprint and are summarized in Figure 3 and Table 2 below.

<sup>7</sup> A peak condition that has an equal probability to occur or not in a given year, sometimes referred as a 50 percent exceedance level or a 1 in 2 peak. A 1 in 5 peak would have a 20 percent chance of exceedance.

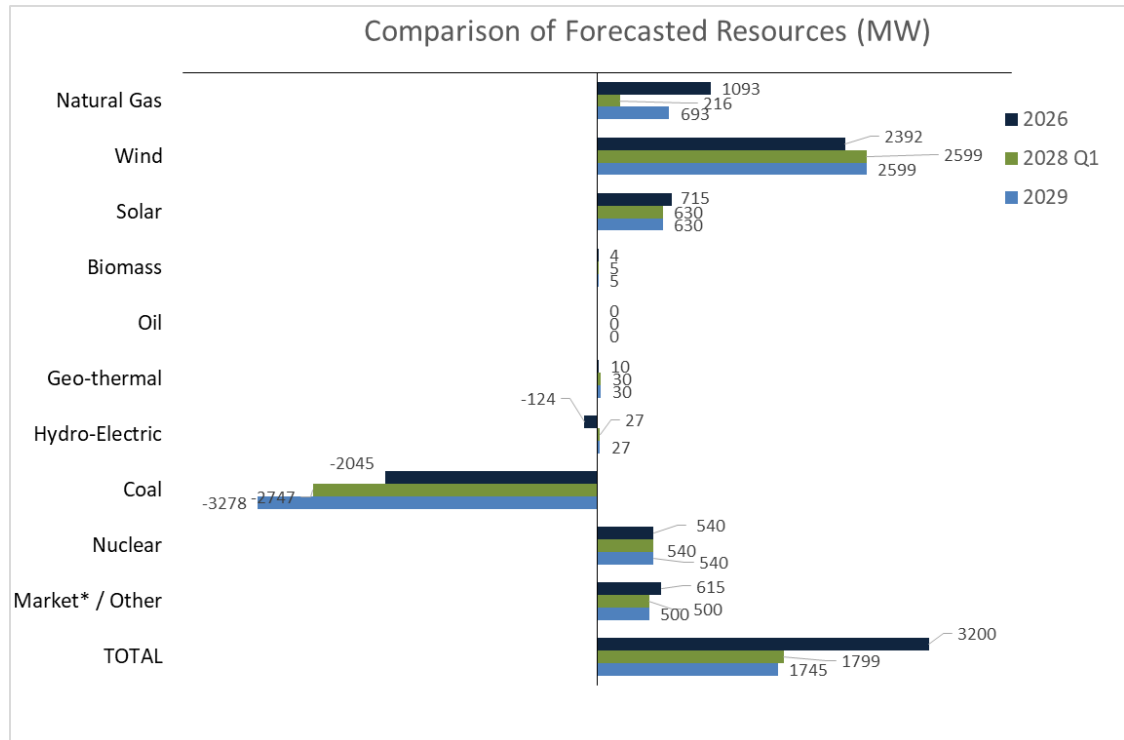


Figure 3: Comparison of Forecasted Resources

State	Resource Additions (MW)
Arizona <sup>8</sup>	-414
California	0
Colorado <sup>8</sup>	-82
Idaho	588
Montana	573
Oregon	-391
Utah	452
Washington	108
Wyoming	727 <sup>9</sup>

Table 2: Location of 2028 Forecasted Resources

<sup>8</sup> Reflects PacifiCorp's retirement of Cholla 4 and Craig 1, which are coal resources outside the NTTG footprint.

<sup>9</sup> Prior to the Q1 data deadline PacifiCorp submitted 1100 MW for its Energy Vision 2020 wind resource acquisition. During the review of the submittals and reviewing PacifiCorp's 2017 IRP Update it was apparent that the Energy Vision 2020 acquisition had materially changed to 1311 MW. To align the NTTG's studies with PacifiCorp's current plan, a revised data submittal was made by PacifiCorp and incorporated into this document.

As shown in Figure 3, the total resource forecast of 1799 MW submitted this cycle is reduced (-1401 MW or -43.8%) from the 3200 MW forecast in 2026.

Coal retirements submitted in Q1 of 2018 are listed in Table 3 below.

Coal Unit	Retirement Date <sup>10</sup>	Study Treatment
Naughton 3	12/2018	Retired
Valmy 1	12/2019	Retired
Boardman	12/2020	Retired
Cholla 4 <sup>11</sup>	12/2020	Retired
Colstrip 1 & 2	7/2022	Retired
Valmy 2	12/2025	Retired
Craig 1 <sup>11</sup>	12/2025	Retired
Dave Johnson 1, 2, 3, 4	12/2027	Retired
Bridger 1	12/2028	On-line, Retired in Sensitivity case

**Table 3 – Planned Coal Retirements to be studied in the 2018-2019 planning cycle<sup>12</sup>**

### C. Transmission Facilities and Service submissions

Listed below in Table 4 are the regional transmission projects that were submitted in Quarter 1. The project types are the following: prior Regional Transmission Plan (pRTP), Full Funder Local Transmission Plan (LTP), Sponsored Project, unsponsored Project, or Merchant Transmission Developer. The Initial Regional Transmission Plan was derived from projects included in the prior Regional Transmission Plan and projects included in the Full Funders' local transmission plans.

<sup>10</sup> Units are assumed to retire at the end of the stated month.

<sup>11</sup> Reflects PacifiCorp's retirement of coal retirements outside the NTTG footprint

<sup>12</sup> PacifiCorp currently is planning to retire Naughton 1 and 2 after 12/31/2029, i.e. at the beginning of 2030-31 Planning Cycle, so those retirements will be considered by NTTG during the next Planning Cycle.



67 MARCH 2018 DATA SUBMITTAL – TRANSMISSION ADDITIONS BY 2028

Submitter	From	To	Voltage	Circuit	Type	Regionally Significant	Committed	Projects (In-service Year)
Idaho Power	Hemingway	Longhorn	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	B2H Project (2026)
	Hemingway	Bowmont	230 kV	2	LTP	Yes	No	New Line - associated with Boardman to Hemingway (2026)
	Bowmont	Hubbard	230 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	New Line - associated with Boardman to Hemingway (2026)
	Hubbard	Cloverdale	230 kV	1	LTP	No	No	New Line (2021)
	Midpoint	Hemingway	500 kV	2	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #8 (joint with PacifiCorp East) (2024)
	Cedar Hill	Hemingway	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #9 (joint with PacifiCorp East) (2024)
	Cedar Hill	Midpoint	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #10 (2024)
	Midpoint	Borah	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	(convert existing from 345 kV operation) (2024)
	Ketchum	Wood River	138 kV	2	LTP	No	No	New Line (2020)
Enbridge	Willis	Star	138 kV	1	LTP	No	No	New Line (2019)
	SE Alberta		DC	1	LTP	Yes	No	MATL 600 MW Back to Back DC Converter (2024)
PacifiCorp East	Aeolus	Clover	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway South Project – Segment #2 (2024)
	Aeolus	Anticline	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segments 2&3 (2020)
	Anticline	Jim Bridger	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	345/500 kV Tie (2020)
	Anticline	Populus	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #4 (2024)
	Populus	Borah	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #5 (2024)
	Populus	Cedar Hill	500 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #7 (2024)
	Antelope	Goshen	345 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Nuclear Resource Integration (2026)
	Antelope	Borah	345 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Nuclear Resource Integration (2026)
	Windstar	Aeolus	230 kV	1	LTP & pRTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #1W (2024)
	Oquirrh	Terminal	345 kV	2	LTP	Yes	Yes	Gateway Central
	Cedar Hill	Hemingway	500 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Gateway West Segment #9 (joint with Idaho Power) (2024)
	Shirley Basin	Standpipe	230 kV	1	LTP	Yes	No	Local Wind Integration (2020)
PacifiCorp West	Wallula	McNary	230 kV	2	LTP	Yes	Yes	Gateway West Segment A (2020)
Portland General	Blue Lake	Gresham	230 kV	1	LTP	No	Yes	New Line (2018)
	Blue Lake	Troutdale	230 kV	1	LTP	No	Yes	Rebuild (2018)
	Blue Lake	Troutdale	230 kV	2	LTP	No	Yes	New Line (2018)
	Horizon	Springville Jct	230 kV	1	LTP	No	Yes	New Line (Trojan-St Marys-Horizon) (2020)
	Horizon	Harborton	230 kV	1	LTP	No	Yes	New Line (re-terminates Horizon Line) (2020)
	Trojan	Harborton	230 kV	1	LTP	No	Yes	Re-termination to Harborton (2020)
	St Marys	Harborton	230 kV	1	LTP	No	Yes	Re-termination to Harborton (2020)
	Rivergate	Harborton	230 kV	1	LTP	No	Yes	Re-termination to Harborton (2020)
	Trojan	Harborton	230 kV	2	LTP	No	Yes	Re-termination to Harborton (2020)
			115 kV	1	LTP	No	Yes	Various Load Service Additions (2019-2024)

68 Table 4 – New Transmission Projects

<sup>13</sup> Regionally significant transmission projects are generally those that effect transfer capability between areas of NTTG. Projects that are mainly for local load service are not regionally significant. Projects that are not regionally significant will be placed into all change cases and not tested for impact on the Regional Transmission Plan. The facilities submitted in the LTP's will be removed in the Null Case

Transmission Service Obligations: Listed below, in Table 5, are the transmission obligations that were submitted for the 2018-2019 planning cycle.

Submitted by	MW <sup>14</sup>	Start Date	POR	POD
Idaho Power	500/200	2021	Northwest	IPCo
	250/550	2022	LGBP	BPASEID

**Table 5 – Transmission Service Obligations**

Available Transfer Capability (ATC): Listed in Table 6 is a summary of the transmission path ratings and Available Transfer Capability (ATC) on the designated transmission path(s).

Path Name	Existing Path Rating (MW)	Available Transfer Capability(2018)
8 – Montana to Northwest	E-W: 2200 W-E: 1350	E-W: 627* W-E: 666**
14 - Idaho to Northwest	W-E: 1200 E-W: 2175	W-E: 0 E-W: 1489
16 – Idaho - Sierra	N-S: 500 S-N: 360	N-S: 448 S-N: 0
17 – Borah West	E-W: 2557 W-E: 1600	E-W: 26* E-W: 0** W-E: 1350
18 – Idaho to Montana	N-S: 383 S-N: 256	N-S: 0 S-N: 131
19 – Bridger West	E-W: 2400 MW W-E: 1266 MW	E-W: 86* W-E: 250* E-W: 0** W-E: 0**
20 – Path C	N-S: 1600 S-N: 1250	N-S: 0 S-N: 0
37 - TOT 4A	NE-SW: 950	NE-SW: 0 SW-NE: 0
38 - TOT 4B	SE-NW: 829	SE-NW: 0 NW-SE: 0
75 - Hemingway-Summer Lake	E-W: 1500 W-E: 550	E-W: 150* E-W: 0** W-E: 0**
80 – Montana Southeast	N-S: 600 S-N: 600	N-S: 600 S-N: 385
83 – MATL	N-S: 300 S-N: 300	N-S: 300 S-N: 0

**Path 8 Notes:**

- \* This includes 184 MW owned by BPA which ties into the same Garrison substation as some of the other capacity.
- \*\* This number is the ATC on the NorthWestern or Eastern side of the meter points. West of the meter points belongs to BPA and Avista and will have different values.

**Path 17, 19 and 75 Notes:**

- \* IPCo Share.
- \*\* PAC Share

**Table 6– Transmission Path Capacity and Available Transfer Capability**

Interregional Transmission Projects: Table 7 below provides a list of the Interregional Transmission Projects (ITPs) received in Q1.

<sup>14</sup> Summer/Winter service requirements

SUMMARY OF Q1-2018 INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO NTTG						
Project Name	Company	Relevant Planning Region(s)	Termination From	Termination to	Status	In Service Date
Cross-Tie Transmission Project	TransCanyon, LLC	NTTG, WestConnect	Clover, UT	Robinson Summit, NV	Conceptual	2024
SWIP-North <sup>15</sup>	Great Basin Transmission LLC	CAISO <sup>16</sup> , NTTG, WestConnect	Midpoint, ID	Robinson Summit, NV	Permitted	2021
TransWest Express Transmission DC/AC Project <sup>18</sup>	TransWest Express, LLC	CAISO, NTTG, WestConnect	Rawlins, WY	Boulder City, NV	Conceptual	2022
TransWest Express Transmission DC Project <sup>17</sup>	TransWest Express, LLC	CAISO, NTTG, WestConnect	Rawlins, WY	Boulder City, NV	Conceptual	2022

**Table 7 – Interregional Transmission Projects**

## D. Transmission Needs Driven by Public Policy Requirements

Public Policy Requirements are those requirements that are established by local, state, or federal laws or regulations.

Local transmission needs driven by Public Policy Requirements are included in the NTTG Initial Regional Plan<sup>18</sup> through the Local Transmission Plans of the NTTG Transmission Providers and included in NTTG’s planning process. Additionally, during Quarter 1, stakeholders may submit regional transmission needs and associated facilities driven by Public Policy Requirements to be evaluated as part of the preparation of the Draft Regional Transmission Plan.

The selection process and criteria for regional projects meeting transmission needs driven by Public Policy Requirements are the same as those used for any other regional project chosen for the Regional Transmission Plan.

During this planning cycle, no additional transmission needs, beyond those submitted by the transmission providers, were submitted to satisfy Public Policy Requirements. A full listing of applicable Public Policy Requirements for the NTTG footprint is included in [Appendix A](#). The following Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) values were used in the modeling for the 2018-2019 study:

<sup>15</sup> The SWIP-North project submitted by Great Basin Transmission (GBT) requires a new physical connection at Robinson Summit, at the southern end of the Project. To transmit power beyond the Project, ~1,000 MW of capacity rights on the already in-service ON Line Project from Robinson Summit to Harry Allen 500 kV, as well as, completion of CAISO’s Harry Allen to Eldorado Project in 2020, those GBT capacity rights will provide a CAISO access to SWIP-North.

<sup>16</sup> CAISO has volunteered to participate in the studies and accept cost allocation.

<sup>17</sup> Two Alternatives were submitted by TransWest Express, 1) a DC Line the entire Length, and 2) a DC line from Wyoming to the Intermountain Power Project area then an AC line to Nevada.

<sup>18</sup> See Attachment K, Local Planning process

	ADS 2028 case
California	33%
Oregon	27%
Washington	15%
Idaho	-
Montana	15%
Wyoming	-
Utah	20%
Nevada	25%
Arizona	25%
Colorado	30%
New Mexico	20%

Table 8 – RPS Assumptions in Production Cost Model Dataset<sup>19</sup>

## E. Development of Initial Regional Transmission Plan

The planning process started by developing the Initial Regional Transmission Plan through a bottom up approach by aggregating the Funding TP's local transmission plans into a single regional transmission plan. Next the IRTP Non-Committed projects within the NTTG geographical area were analyzed through Change Case plans to determine whether Alternative Projects could be added or substituted and/or one or more Non-Committed projects could be deferred to yield a regional transmission plan that would be more efficient or cost effective than the IRTP. It is the result of this analysis that formulated the dRTP presented herein. This dRTP document discusses in detail the activities and studies completed and how the dRTP was developed.

## III. Study Methodology

To determine the more efficient or cost-effective transmission plan that would become the dRTP, both reliability and economic studies were performed in accordance with the 2018-2019 Study Plan. The reliability studies utilized production cost modeling and power flow studies. The production cost model results (the base case input data derived from the WECC 2028 Anchor DataSet (ADS) case<sup>20</sup>) were used to identify nine stressed hours. After review of the cases, eight were subjected to reliability analysis using a power flow model. The input and output data for these selected hours were transferred, using the round-trip process, from the production cost model (i.e., GridView) to a power flow model (i.e., PowerWorld) to perform the technical reliability analysis. The economic studies that were performed next utilized the Attachment K's

<sup>19</sup> The ADS case was developed prior to California passing Senate Bill 100.

<sup>20</sup> See Appendix B that lists the resource additions and removals made to the production cost model and power flow Change Cases.

three metrics (i.e., capital related costs, energy losses, and reserves) to analyze those Change Case plans that were reliable to further determine the cost effectiveness of the NTTG transmission plan. The reliability study process and the economic evaluations will be described in more detail below.

## A. Production-Cost Modeling

GridView<sup>21</sup> production cost software was used to look at 8760 hours of data to determine stressed conditions within the NTTG footprint. The production cost dataset representing the year 2028 was obtained from the 2028 ADS case of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”). This case included a representation of the load, generation and transmission topology of the WECC interconnection-wide transmission system ten years into the future. The 2028 ADS case was released on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Members of the TWG reviewed the loads, resources, and transmission data for their transmission planning area to ensure that the representations in this case were reasonably close to the data they had submitted in the first Quarter (“Q1”) of the biennial cycle. TWG identified the need to incorporate a significant number of corrections prior to use by NTTG. In early September, NTTG shared these changes with the other Regional Planning entities and WECC for inclusion in their future studies. The TWG then agreed to use this modified ADS case in creating the stressed cases discussed below.

TWG determined that there were eight stressed conditions which impact the NTTG area that should be studied:

- high NTTG summer peak;
- high NTTG winter peak;
- high eastbound Idaho-Northwest flows;
- ~~high southern Idaho-Northwest export (Idaho-Northwest westbound);~~<sup>22</sup>
- high NE-SE (Path Tot2)/COI/PDCI flows;
- high Wyoming Wind production;
- high Borah West flows;
- high NTTG footprint import; and;
- high Aeolus West and South flows.

After running all 8760 hours using the GridView production-cost program, the data was analyzed and the hours representative of the stressed conditions were identified. The hours are shown in Table 9 below.

<sup>21</sup> GridView is a registered ABB product

<sup>22</sup> Case dropped from study after review of the exported case.

Stressed Condition	Date	Hour	TWG Label
Max. NTTG Summer Peak	July 19, 2028	16:00	A
Max. NTTG Winter Peak	December 5, 2028	19:00	B
High eastbound Idaho-Northwest flows	June 3, 2028	2:00	C
<del>High westbound Idaho-Northwest flows</del> <sup>23</sup>	<del>October 11, 2028</del>	<del>11:00</del>	<del>D</del>
High Tot2/COI/PDCI Flows	May 16, 2028	19:00	E
High Wyoming Wind	February 24, 2028	Midnight	F
High Borah West Flows	December 11, 2028	2:00	G
High NTTG Footprint Import	July 27, 2028	14:00	H
High Aeolus West and South flows	June 3, 2028	18:00	I

**Table 9 – Hours Selected from 2028 WECC ADS Case to Represent Different NTTG System Stresses**

## B. Power Flow Cases

The next step in the process was developing the power flow stressed condition cases by converting (i.e., a “round-trip process”) the production cost model for the above hours into the PowerWorld power flow cases. It should be noted that this conversion process has improved with each biennial cycle from months to weeks to now a few hours, once the initial dataset has been adjusted.

The TWG determined that the power flow model loads extracted from the production cost model did not stress the transmission system as much as historical conditions would suggest. Further exploration found that the production cost database uses a 1 in 2 load forecast<sup>7</sup> and when extracting a single hour from the production cost model to the power flow model, this single hour may not represent a coincident peak hour<sup>24</sup> between the balancing areas as has been experienced in the past. TWG recognized that these differences result in lower than expected peak loads in the extracted power flow for a number of the balancing areas within NTTG. To better reflect possible highly stressed conditions for the selected peak loads within the NTTG footprint, the balancing area loads were adjusted to get peak loads that represent 1 in 5<sup>7</sup> to 1 in 10 peak load condition. These load adjustments were only applied to the summer and winter peak cases.

<sup>23</sup>The flow pattern extracted for this case did not meet the objectives for this case, so further study of the case was dropped.

<sup>24</sup>This refers to demand among a group of customers that coincides with total demand on the system at that time. Residential demand at a time of peak industrial demand can be referred to as coincident peak demand, as can a particular plant's demand at a time of peak demand across the whole system.

	PacifiCorp				
	Idaho	Northwestern	PACW	PACE	Portland
<b>Non-Coincident Peak</b>	4259	2027	3769	10387	4006
<b>2028 Coincident Peak</b>	4190	1936	3395	10387	2958
<b>Coincident Peak %</b>	98.4%	95.5%	90.1%	100.0%	73.8%
<b>Relative Scaling Factors</b>					
<b>1 in 2</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>1 in 5</b>	102.7%	100%	102.0%	102.0%	103.2%
<b>1 in 10</b>	103.6%	100%	104.6%	104.6%	104.9%
<b>1 in 5 Target MW</b>	4375	2027	3844	10595	4133
<b>Target/2028 Peak</b>	104.4%	104.5%	113.2%	102.0%	139.7%
<b>Applied</b>	105%	105%	113%	102%	125%

**Table 10 – Summer Peak Hour Adjustment**

	PacifiCorp				
	Idaho	Northwestern	PACW	PACE	Portland
<b>Non-Coincident Peak</b>	2901	1872	3957	8083	3830
<b>2028 Coincident Peak</b>	2572	1821	3624	7984	3777
<b>Coincident Peak %</b>	88.7%	97.3%	91.6%	98.8%	98.6%
<b>Relative Scaling Factors</b>					
<b>1 in 2</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>1 in 5</b>	102.7%	100%	102.0%	102.0%	105.0%
<b>1 in 10</b>	103.7%	100%	104.6%	104.6%	107.8%
<b>1 in 5 Target MW</b>	2978	1872	4036	8245	4022
<b>Target/2028 Peak</b>	115.8%	102.8%	111.4%	103.3%	106.5%
<b>Applied</b>	113%	105%	115%	103.5%	109%

**Table 11 – Winter Peak Hour Adjustment**

Each of the stressed cases was then reviewed by the TWG to ensure that the case met steady state system performance criteria (no voltage issues or thermal overloads). Bubble diagrams showing the inter-area flows for each of the stressed cases are included in the result sections below.

## C. System Performance Criteria

The details of the system performance criteria can be found in the Study Plan ([see Study Plan footnote 10](#)). An abbreviated summary of the NERC reliability criteria:

- Lines and transformers must not exceed their normal thermal ratings during steady state conditions;
- Line and transformers must not exceed their emergency thermal ratings post contingency;
- Bus voltages must remain within the following ranges:
  - For steady-state conditions, bus voltages must be between 95% and 105% for buses 345 kV and below and between 100% and 110% for buses 500 kV and above.

- Post contingency voltages must be > 90% and < 110% for buses 345 kV and below and be greater than 95% and less than 115% for buses 500 kV and above.

For dynamic studies, the criteria are based on TPL-001-WECC-CRT-3, following fault clearing, the voltage shall recover to 80% of the pre-contingency voltage within 20 seconds for each BES bus serving load and shall not dip below 70% for more than 30 cycles nor remain below 80% for more than 2 seconds once the voltage has recovered above 80% post fault. All oscillations shall be positively damped within 30 seconds or the contingency will be considered unstable.

#### D. Simultaneous Wind Production in Wyoming

Figure 4 shows a peak duration curve of those existing and planned resources based on data developed by National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for the 2009 weather patterns. 2009 is the year selected by WECC to base all of the hourly profiles for load, average hydro conditions and fixed/non-dispatchable generation. TWG reviewed the duration curve in Figure 4 and selected a study level of 2655 MW or approximately 90% of the peak capacity of the existing and forecasted wind resources to be installed. Based on the NREL models, production would exceed this level about 1020 hours or over a month. The time of year, time of day and the associated load level of the high wind scenario will also be reflective of the most likely occurrence of the high wind scenario as indicated in Figure 4.

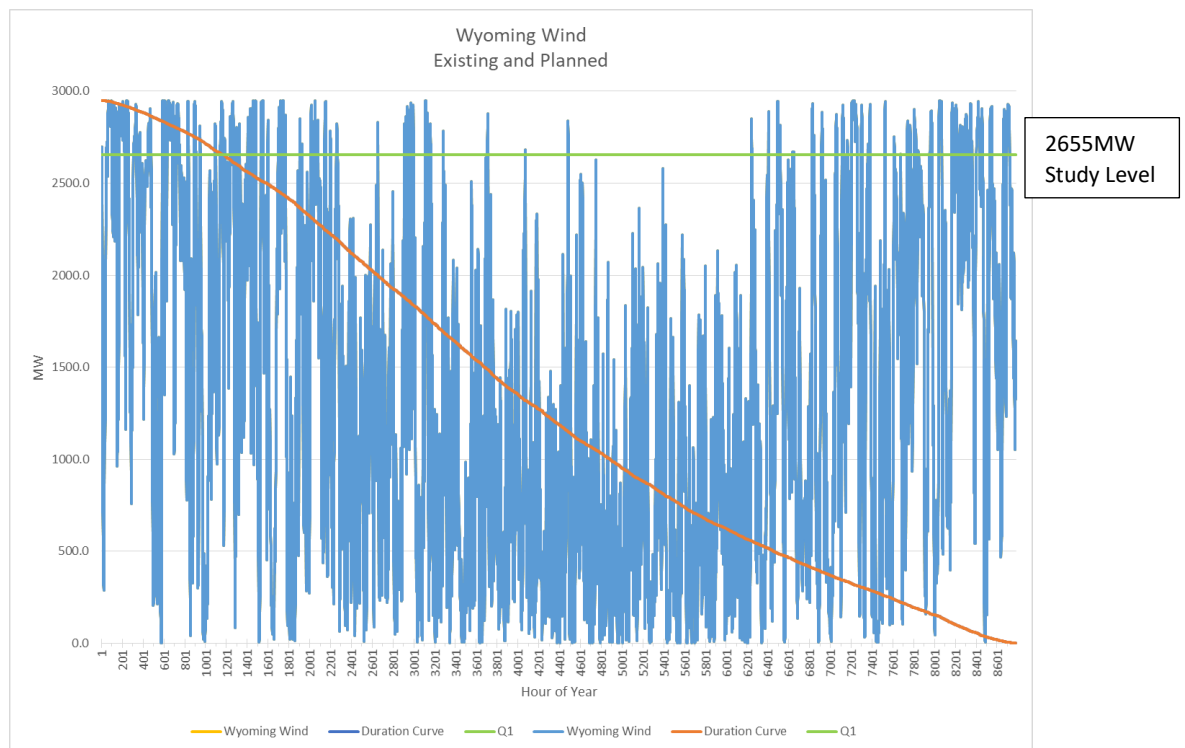


Figure 4: Chronologic and Duration curve of forecasted Wyoming wind production for 2028



## IV. Stress Conditioned Case Study Results

After analyzing the steady-state performance of each of the nine stress conditioned cases, the TWG performed a rigorous contingency analysis on eight of the nine cases<sup>25</sup>. This contingency analysis consisted of over 445 single contingencies and 36 credible double contingencies, to determine if each contingency meets the system performance criteria. If there were reported reliability violations by the power flow program, TWG determined if these violations were legitimate and needed mitigation to correct the violation or if modeling problems (e.g., corrections to the modeled contingency actions) caused the reliability violation. For the legitimate violations, TWG determined what additional facilities would be needed to meet the criteria and adjust the IRTF to include the additional facilities. If no violations were found, then the facilities in the IRTF are deemed adequate for serving the NTTG loads and resources in the year 2028. Table 12 provides a summary of the NTTG footprint L&R balance for each of the conditions studied.

The Null Case topology indicates for cases E, F, G and I, that system performance is inadequate without transmission system additions by 2028 to meet NTTG's requirements.

		Case A	Case B	Case C	Case D	Case E	Case F	Case G	Case H	Case I
Idaho	Gen	2828	2373	1367	1257	1909	1178	943	2493	1837
	Load	4388	2978	2478	2053	2755	1777	1926	3720	2594
	Losses	150	83	157	61	126	151	152	106	139
	Import/Export	-1710	-688	-1268	-857	-972	-750	-1136	-1333	-896
Montana	Gen	2505	2446	1931	1429	3419	2297	2125	2243	2611
	Load	2027	1870	1071	1374	1302	1304	1385	1564	1310
	Losses	109	68	60	58	118	76	63	60	67
	Import/Export	369	507	800	-3	1999	917	677	620	1234
PACE	Gen	10011	10013	4619	9986	8755	9727	8719	7900	7742
	Load	9957	8243	4876	6137	6547	4606	4608	8825	6142
	Losses	337	331	176	425	414	415	382	255	365
	Import/Export	-282	1438	-433	3425	1794	4707	3729	-1181	1236
PACW	Gen	2072	1759	848	1205	1262	1058	1016	1438	819
	Load	3643	4036	1496	2618	2307	2148	2350	3466	2110
	Losses	72	87	57	54	67	57	62	65	50
	Import/Export	-1643	-2364	-705	-1466	-1112	-1147	-1397	-2093	-1342
PGN	Gen	2540	2084	932	1408	1044	1624	1879	1675	866
	Load	3527	4022	1664	2587	2303	2383	2213	3297	2130
	Losses	67	63	34	37	40	32	36	44	33
	Import/Export	-1054	-2001	-767	-1216	-1300	-792	-370	-1666	-1298
NTTG	Gen	19957	18676	9697	15286	16389	15883	14682	15750	13875
	Load	23542	21149	11586	14768	15214	12218	12482	20872	14287
	Losses	735	633	484	635	766	731	696	530	655
	Import/Export	-4946	-3733	-2662	-407	-191	2343	972	-6267	-1624

**Table 12: L&R Balance summary of selected cases**

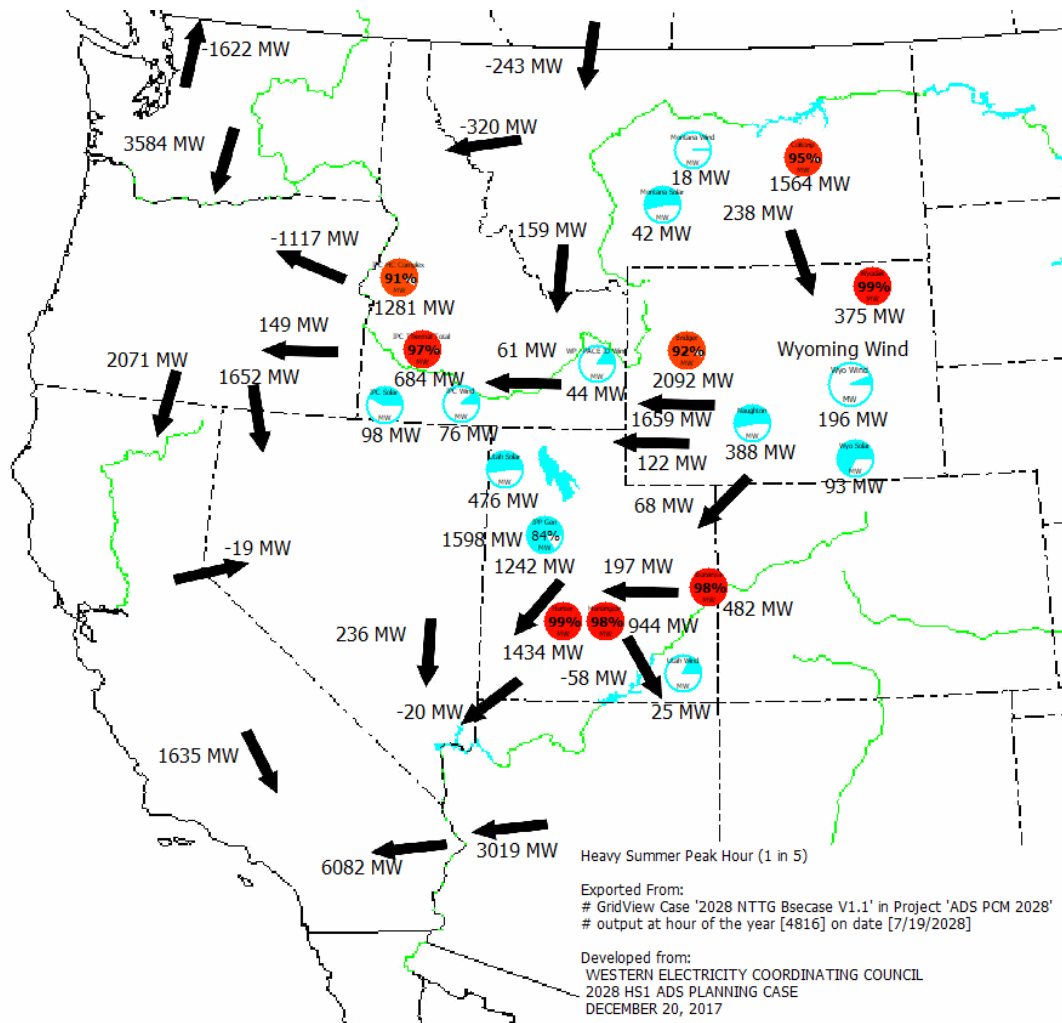
The results of each of the stressed cases are discussed below:

<sup>25</sup> TWG dropped further study of Case D since the case did not achieve the desired case objectives, see section IV-D.

229 This case has an NTTG summer peak load of 23,542 MW with 19,331 MW of generation. The  
230 sum of the NTTG boundary flows in the case is approximated by taking the difference between  
231 generation and load, which equated to 4,946 MW (import). A bubble diagram of the case is  
232 shown below.



Figure 5 - Tie-line flows for Summer Peak Case  
(July 19, 2028 Hour 16 - NTTG Case A)



**Figure 6 – Other flows for Summer Peak Case  
(July 19, 2028 Hour 16 - NTTG Case A)**

This summer peak case represents a 1 in 5 NTTG footprint peak load. The original exported case from the PCM was a 1 in 2 condition based on the assumptions of that dataset. Data was collected from each data submitter to adjust the load forecast from 1 in 2 to the 1 in 5 condition. Each area's load was independently adjusted to achieve the 1 in 5 condition.

In this case, the both the pRTP and the IRTP performed reasonably well with a few local areas having known existing issues that have not risen to the level of justifying expenditures to resolve them.

## B. NTTG Winter Peak Case

The NTTG winter peak load in this case is 21,149 MW with a total of 18,050 MW of generation. The difference of generation and load approximates the boundary flow which is equal to 3,733 MW (import). A few local system violations occur in the pRTP case. It is apparent that the heavy winter condition is less stressful than the heavy summer condition, as very few additional violations occur in the Null case compared to the IRTTP case.

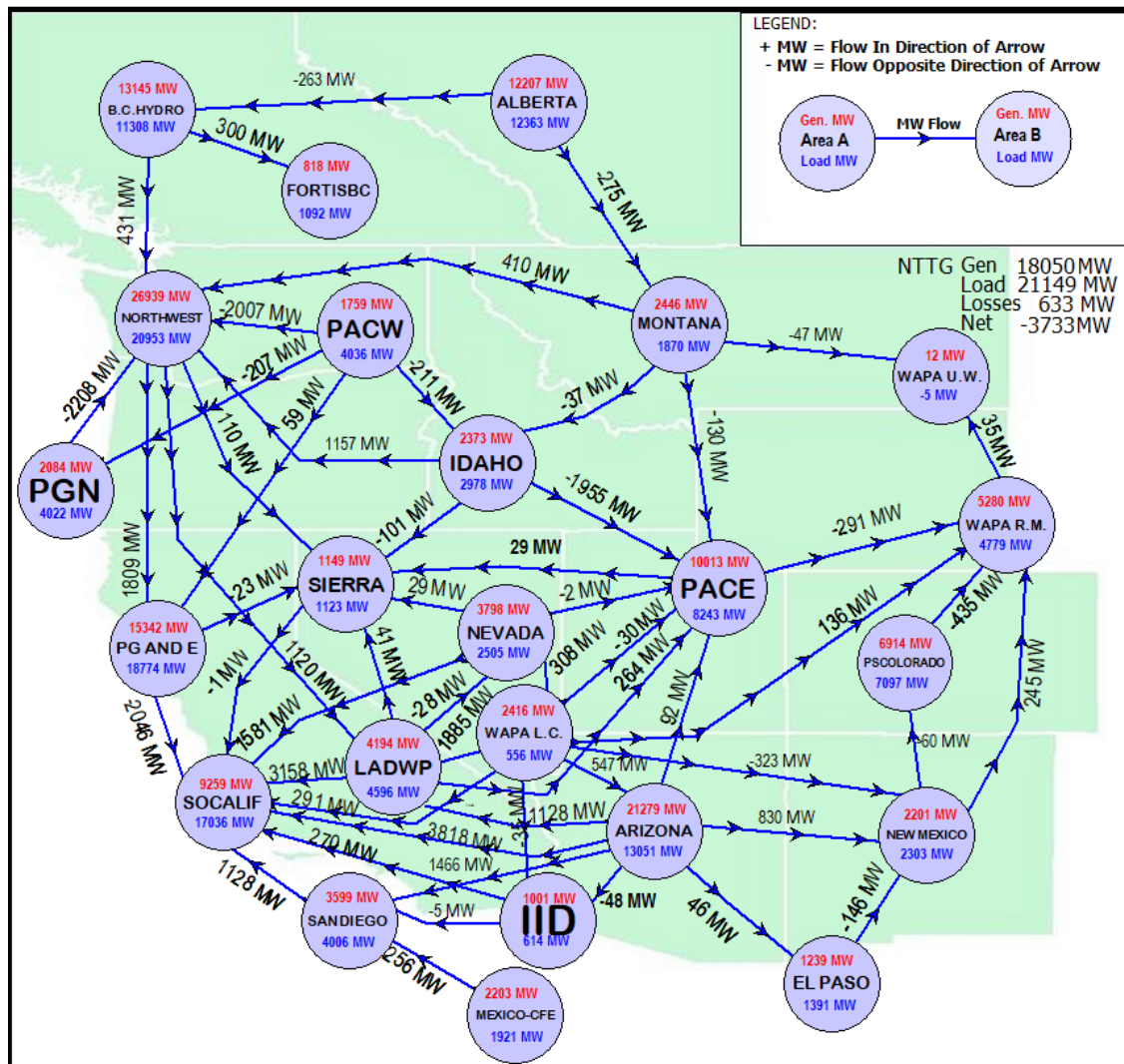
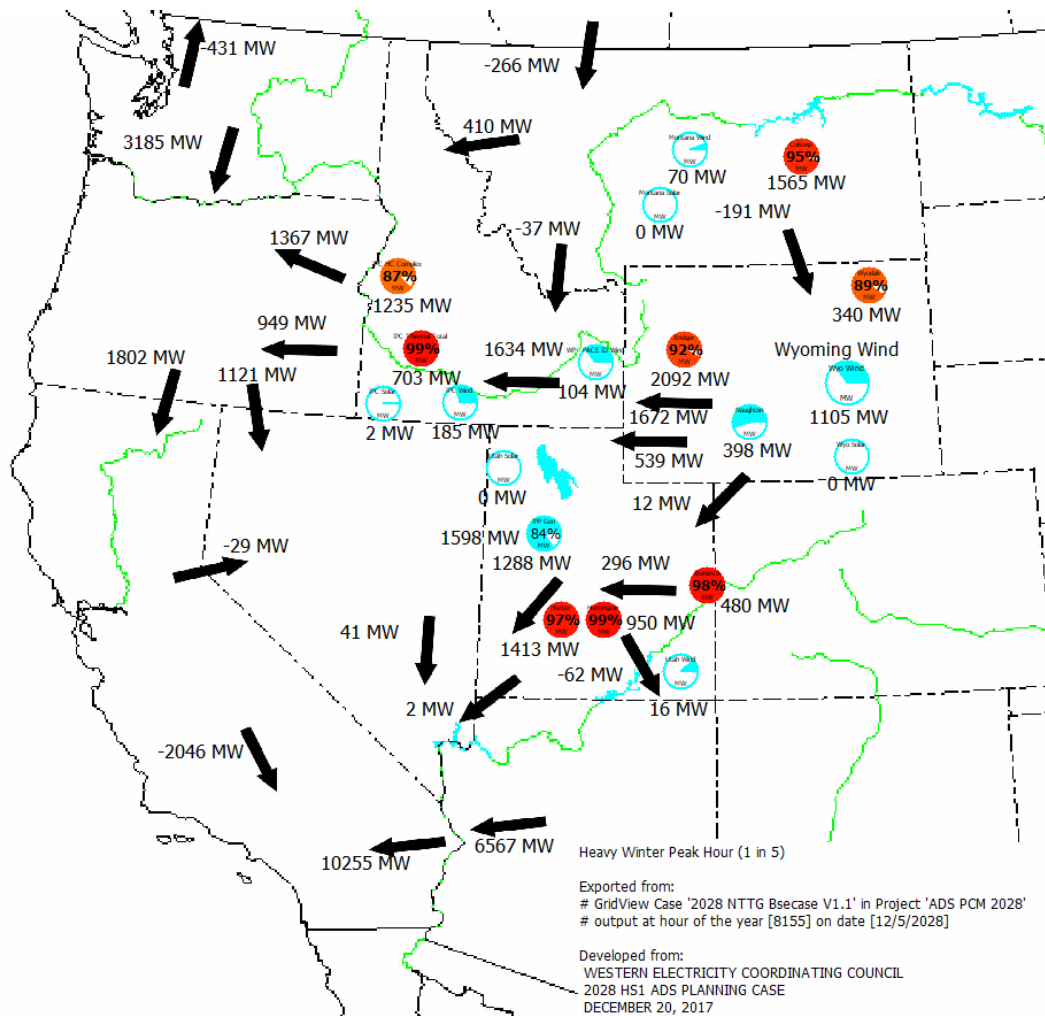


Figure 7 - Tie-line flows for Winter Peak Case  
(Dec 5, 2028 Hour 19 - NTTG Case B)

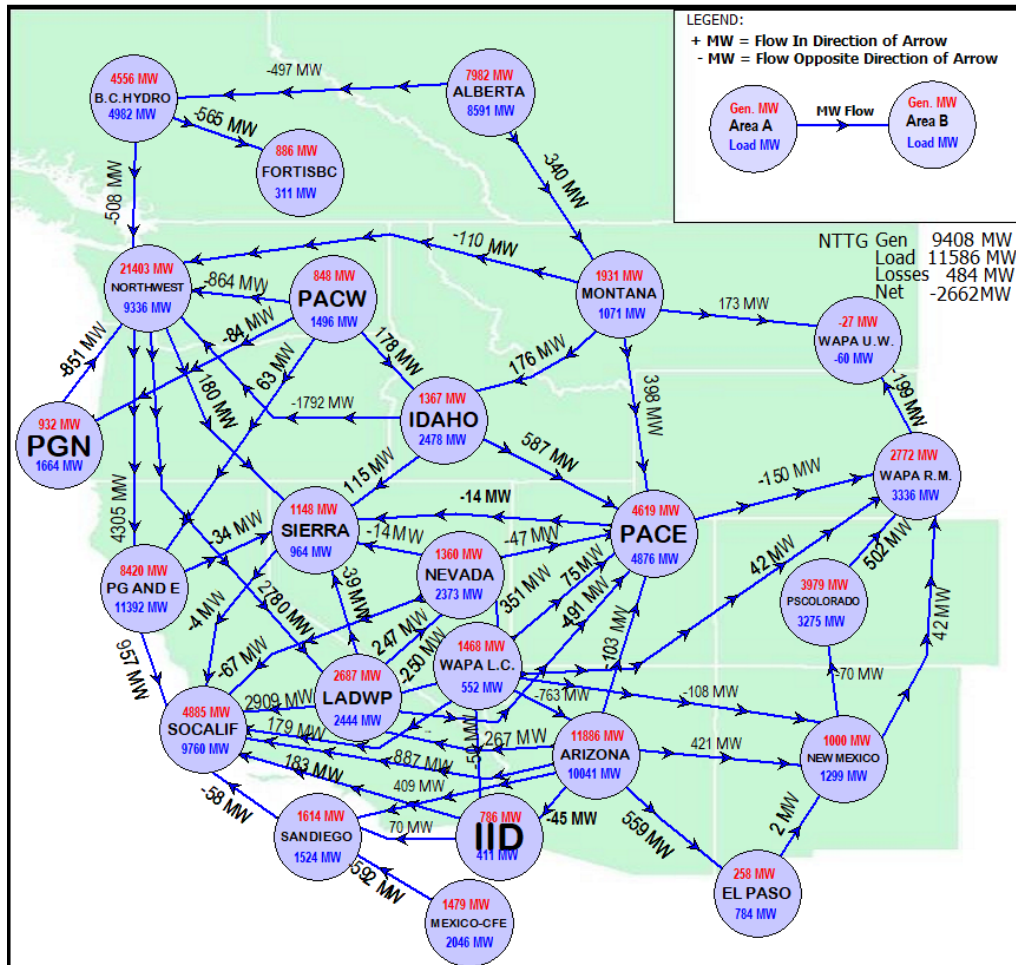


**Figure 8 - Other flows for Winter Peak Case  
(Dec 5, 2028 Hour 19 - NTTG Case B)**

Similar to the Summer Peak case (Case A), the exported winter peak case was adjusted to reflect a 1 in 5 condition.

### C. High Eastbound flows on Idaho-Northwest Path

This case has a Idaho-Northwest Path flow of 1970 MW eastbound. The NTTG total is approximately 2,662 MW (import). The NTTG load and generation in this case are 11,586 MW and 9,408 MW respectively. The bubble diagram follows.



**Figure 9- Tie-line flows for high eastbound Idaho-Northwest Path Case  
(June 3, 2028 Hour 2 - NTTG Case C)**

The existing Idaho-Northwest import capability is 1200 MW. The PCM dataset result<sup>26</sup> there were 128 hours that exceeded that level, principally in the May-July time period.

<sup>26</sup> The PCM dataset is based upon a 2009 average year condition. The dataset does not model contractual commitments, thus, the PCM cannot track ATC. The flows extracted from a PCM run are net flows (non-firm and Firm).



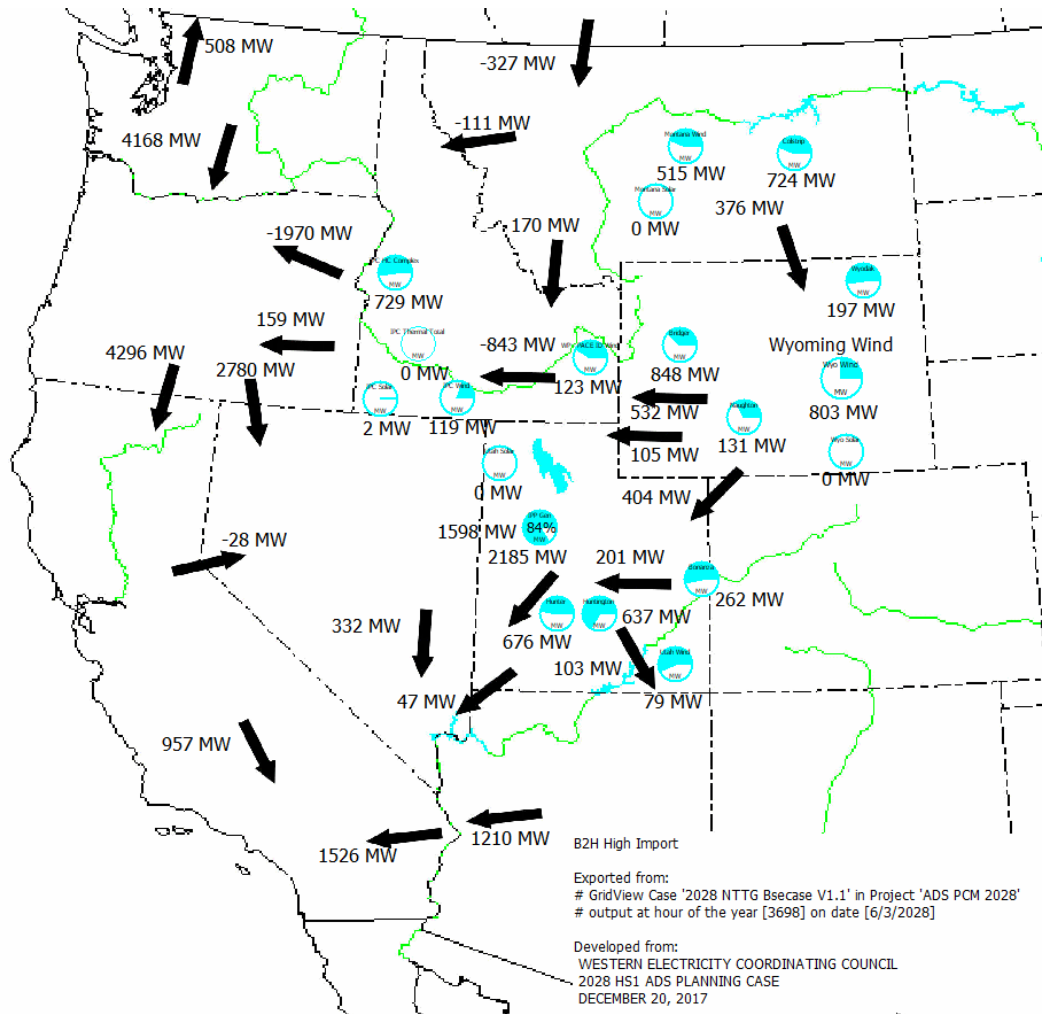


Figure 10 - Other flows for high eastbound Idaho-Northwest Path Case  
(June 3, 2028 Hour 2 - NTTG Case C)

## D. High westbound Idaho-Northwest Case

This case was originally intended to study export conditions from Idaho to the Northwest. The exported case from the Production Cost Model was far below the desired condition in the Study Plan (1415 MW, the target was in excess of 3000 MW). On further review the Technical Workgroup concluded to not analyze this case further.

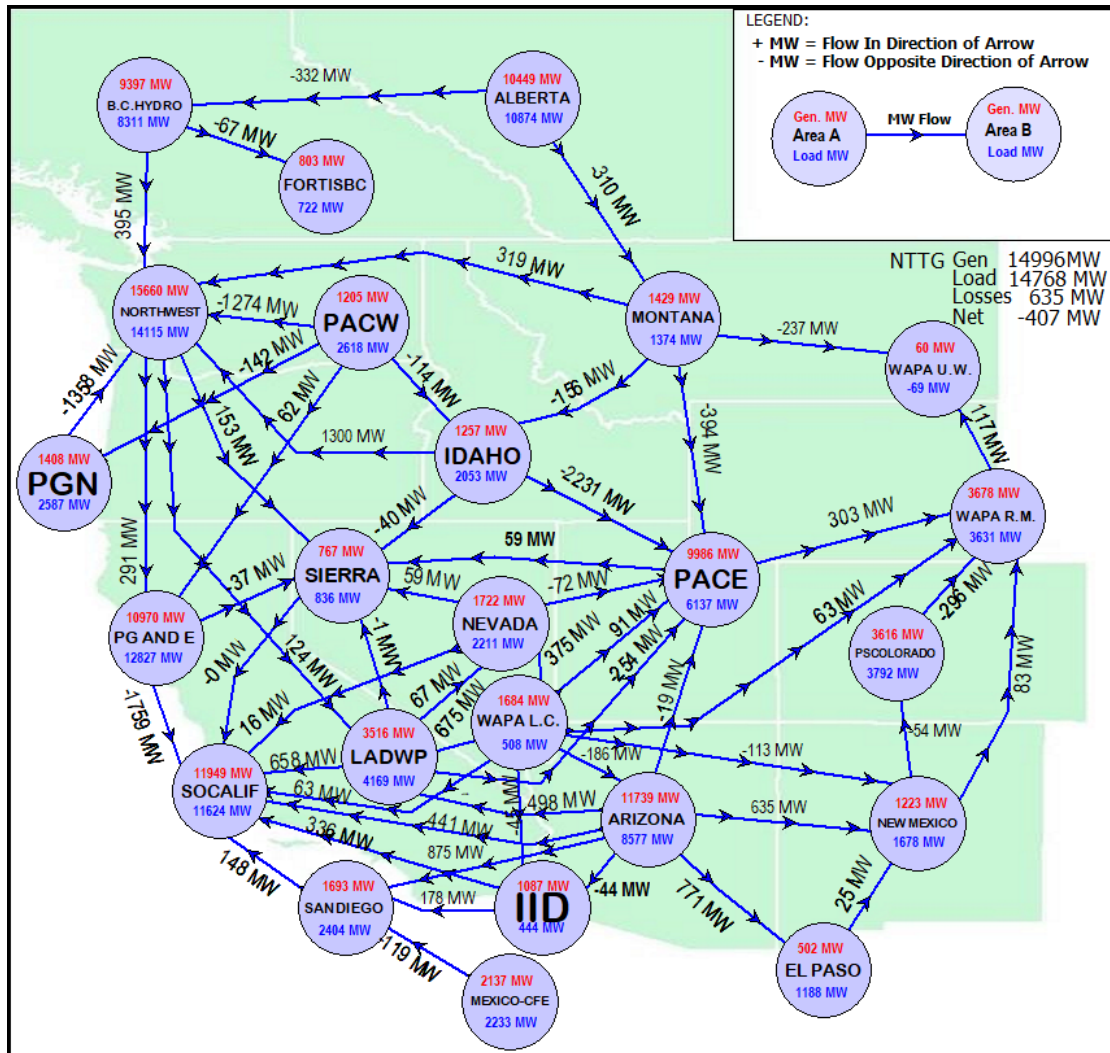
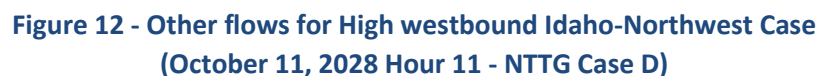


Figure 11 - Tie-line flows for High westbound Idaho-Northwest Case  
(October 11, 2028 Hour 11 - NTTG Case D)





## E. High Tot2/COI/PDCI Case

The NTTG load and generation are 15,214 MW and 15,789 MW respectively, with the NTTG footprint nearly balanced with a 191 MW import. The bubble diagram follows. The focus of this case is to evaluate the performance of the ITPs in supporting interregional transfers

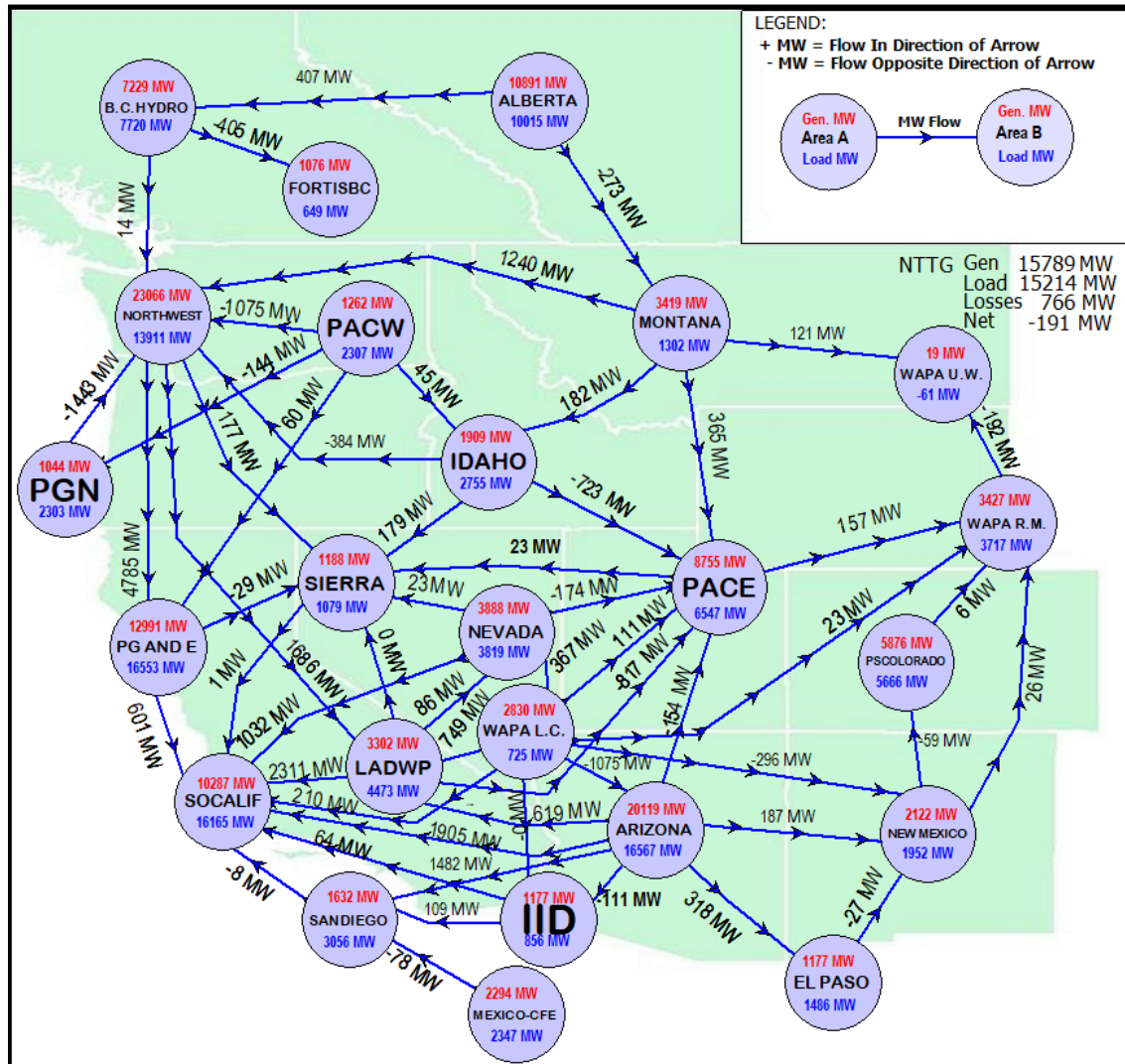
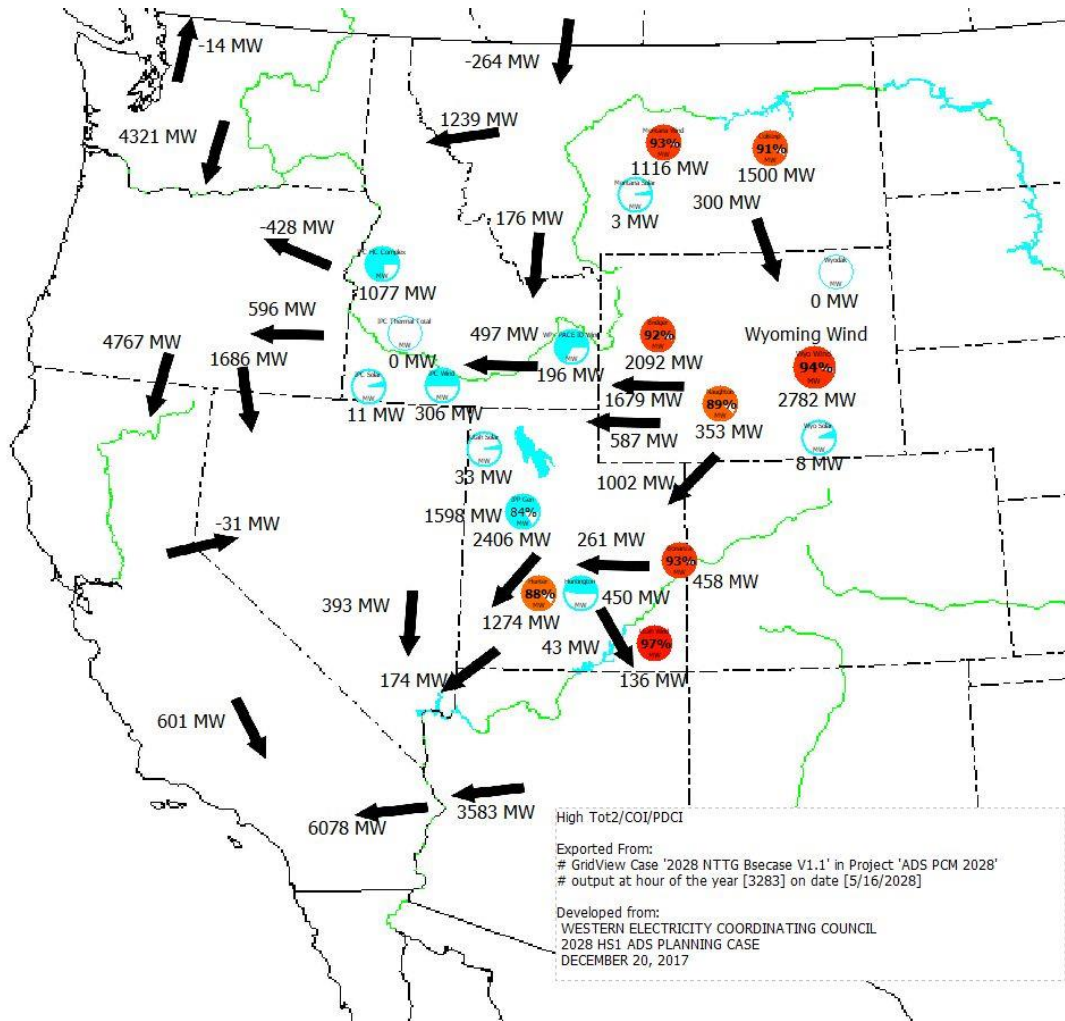


Figure 13 - Tie-line flows for High Tot2/COI/PDCI Case  
(May 16, 2028 Hour 19 - NTTG Case E)



**Figure 14 - Other flows for High Tot2/COI/PDCI Case  
(May 16, 2028 Hour 19 - NTTG Case E)**

The wind level in this case, 2782 MW, is likely to be exceeded 1432 hours per year.

## F. High Wyoming Wind Case

The NTTG load and generation in this case are 12,218 MW and 15,307 MW respectively with a NTTG export of 2,344 MW. The study plan target at 90% capacity factor was 2655 MW, the extracted case wind production was 2707 MW. The bubble diagram follows.

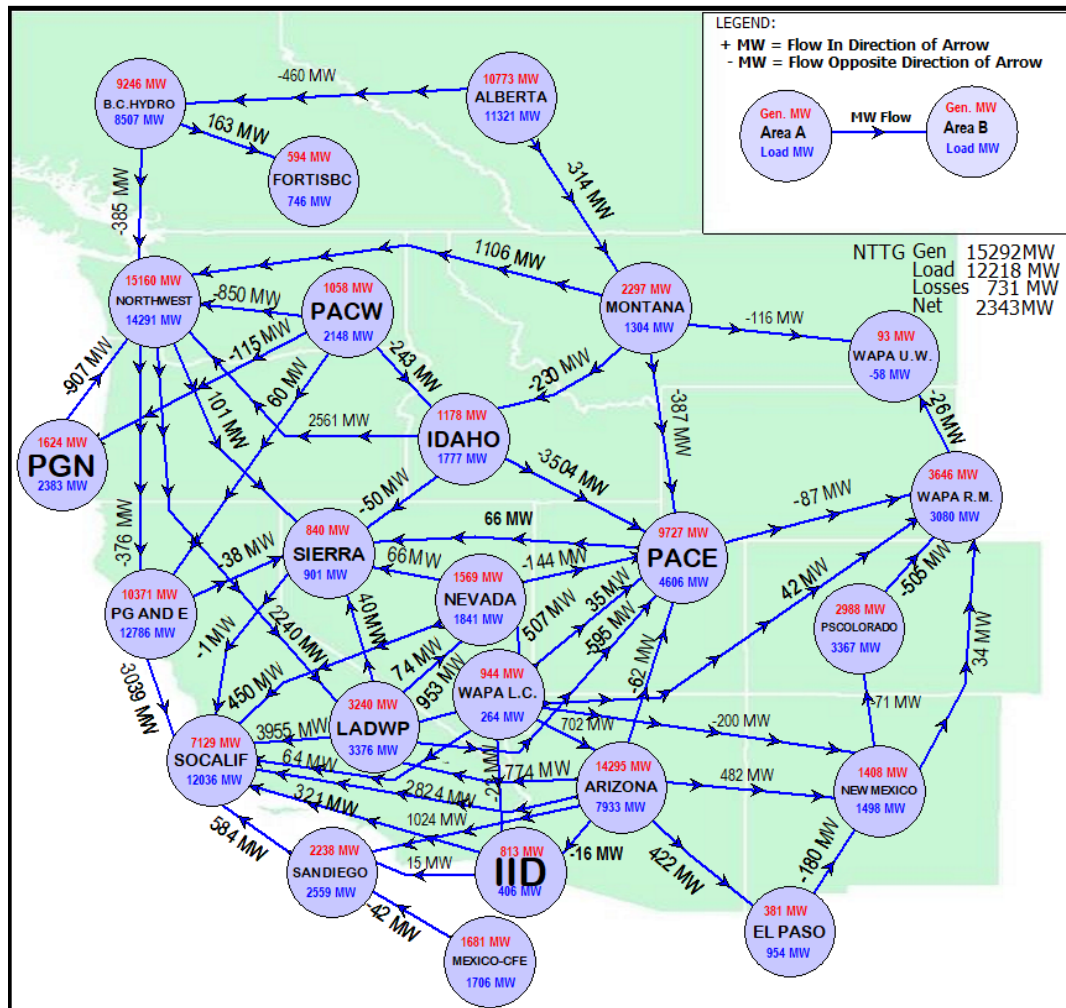
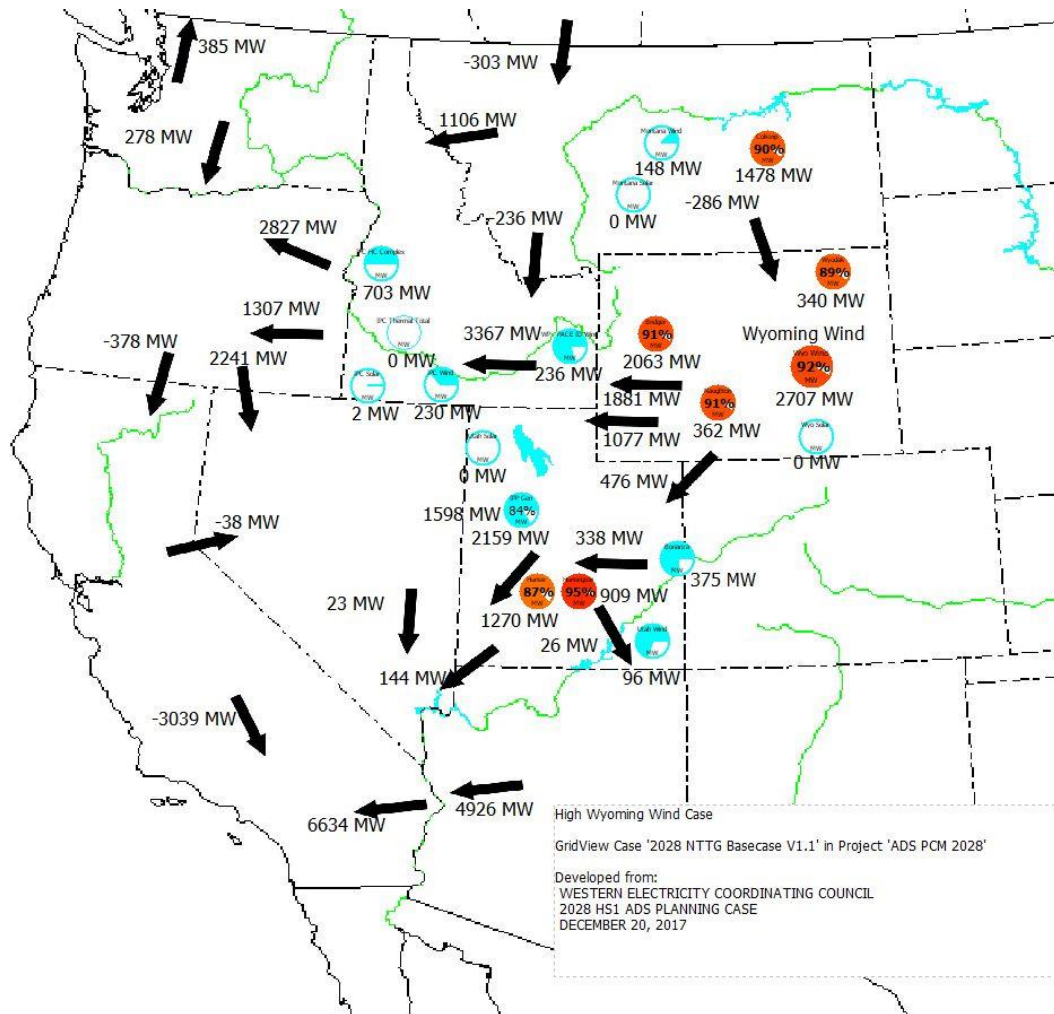


Figure 15 - Tie-line flows for High Wyoming Wind Case  
 (February 24, 2028 at Midnight - NTTG Case F)



**Figure 16 – Other flows for High Wyoming Wind Case  
(February 24, 2028 at Midnight - NTTG Case F)**

As described in Section IIID, the wind target of 2655 MW is approximately 90% exceedance level of the existing and future wind energy production. This target level will be exceeded 1020 hours in an average year. This condition is more likely in the mid-September through May time period.



## G. High Borah West Case

The NTTG load and generation in this case are 12,482 MW and 14,150 MW respectively with a NTTG export of 972 MW. The Borah West path flow is 3,403 MW. The present rating of the Borah West path is 2557 MW, any firm transfers above this level will require upgrades, without these upgrades, firm resources east of the cutplane could only serve east side firm loads. In the PCM results<sup>22</sup>, the 2557 MW net flow level was exceeded 11 times. The bubble diagram follows.

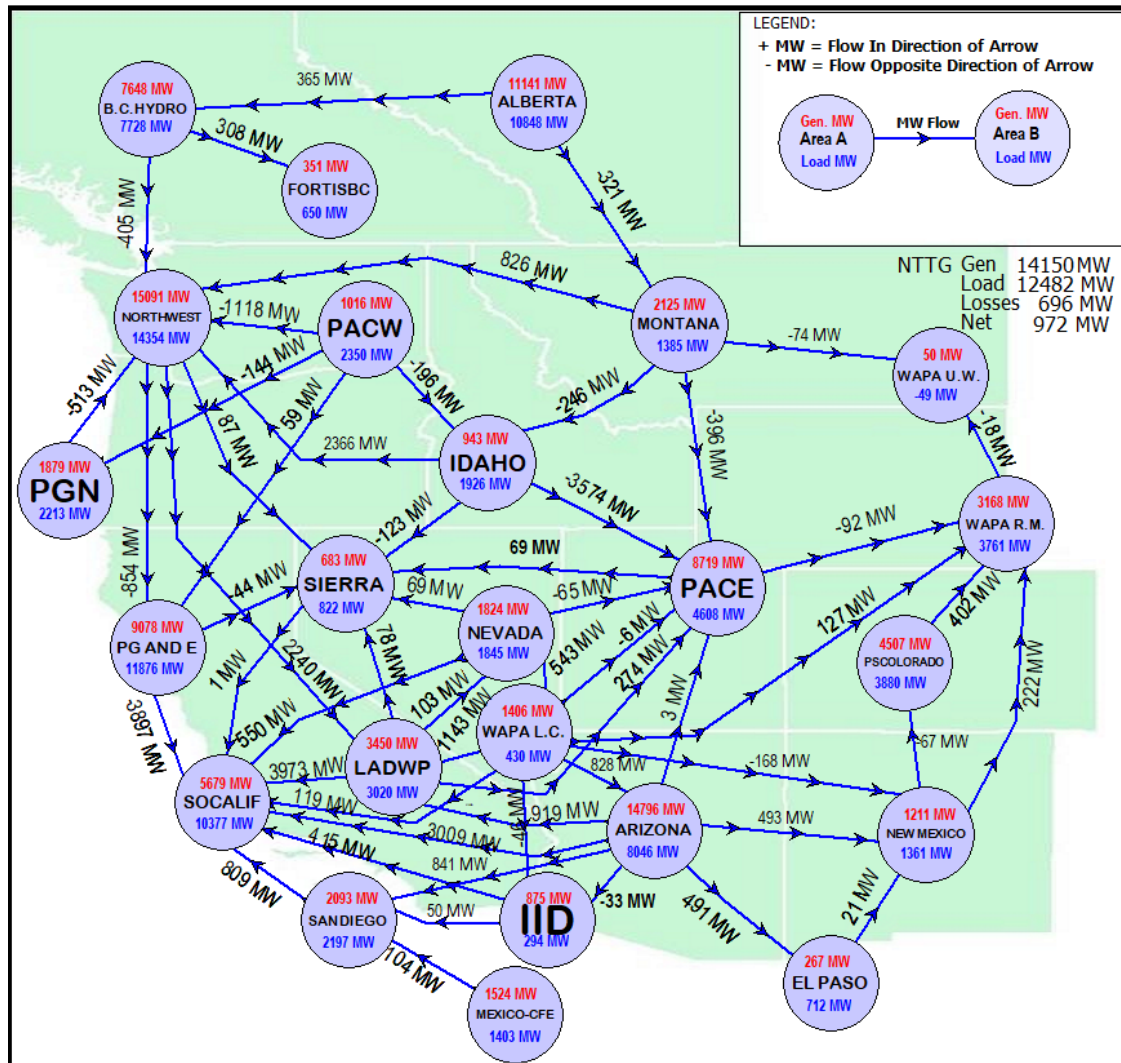
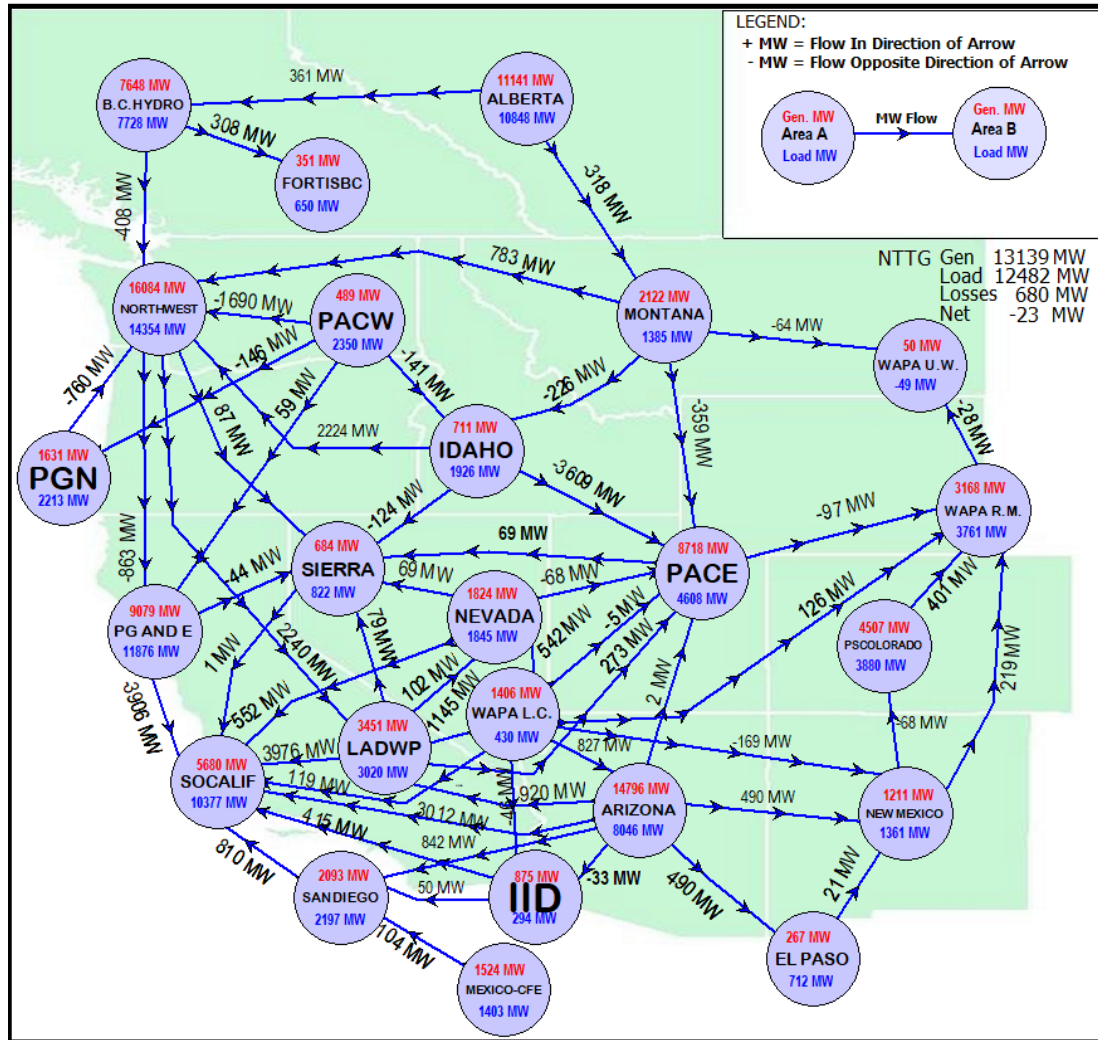


Figure 17 – Tie-line flows for High Borah West Case  
(December 11, 2028 Hour 2 - NTTG Case G)





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## H. High NTTG Footprint Import Case

The NTTG load and generation in this case are 20,872 MW and 15,135 MW respectively with a NTTG import of 6,267 MW. Currently there are no operating procedures which would restrict this operation in this dispatch region. This case was selected to test this condition for any concerns. One notable condition of this dispatch hour is that the Wyoming wind production was near zero MW. The bubble diagram follows.

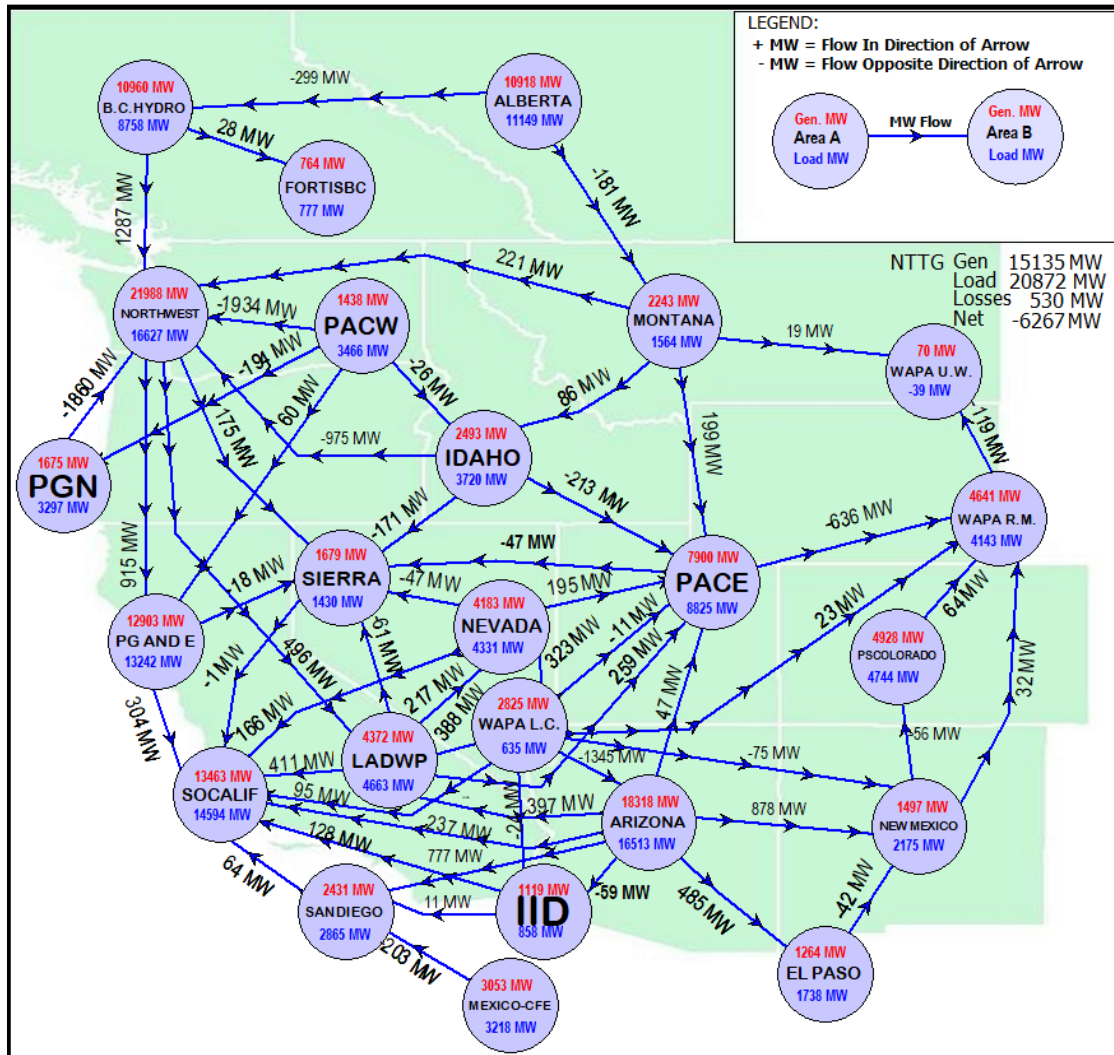


Figure 21 – Tie-line flows for High NTTG Footprint Import Wind Case  
(July 27, 2028 Hour 14 - NTTG Case H)

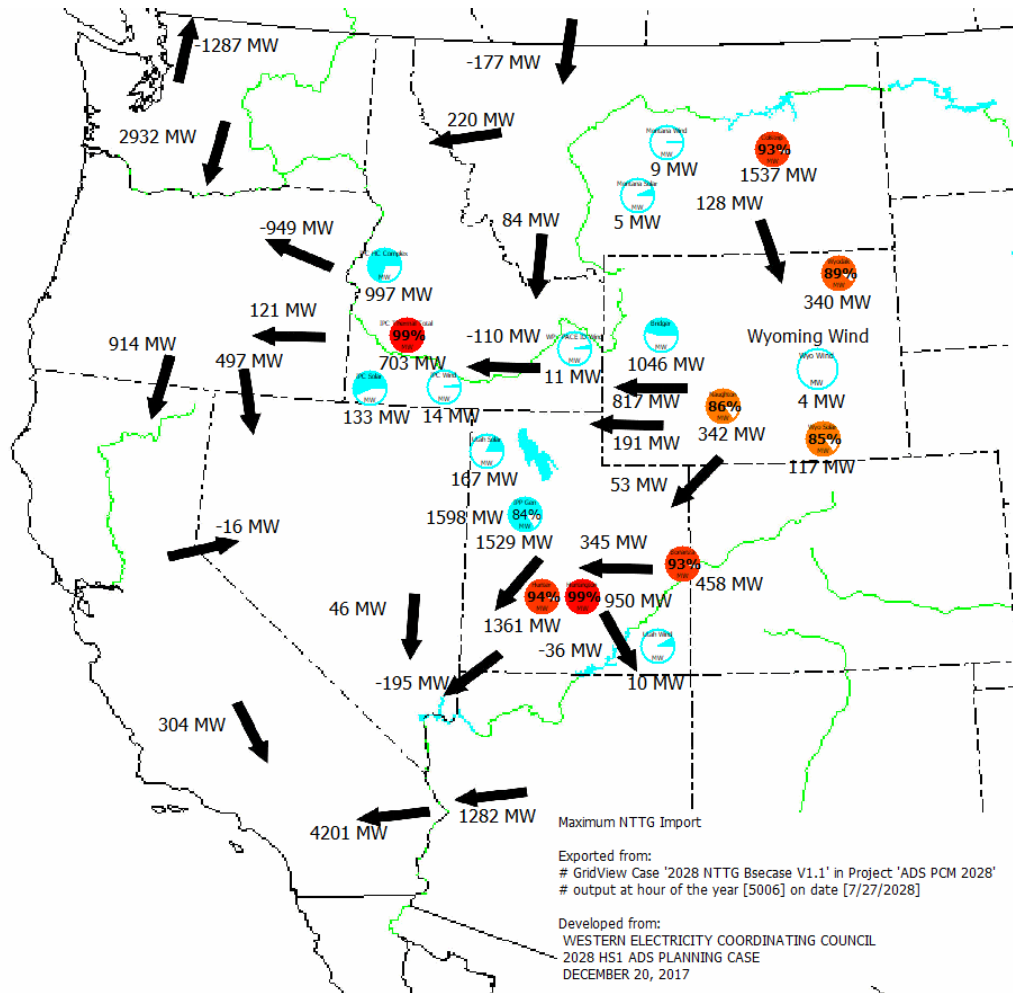
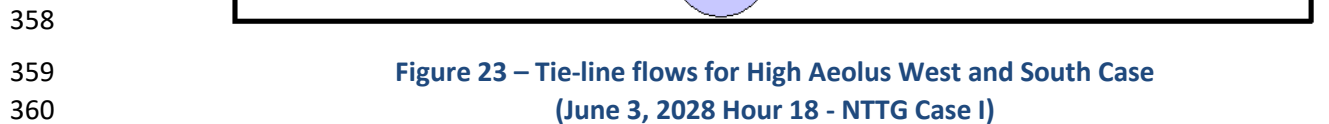
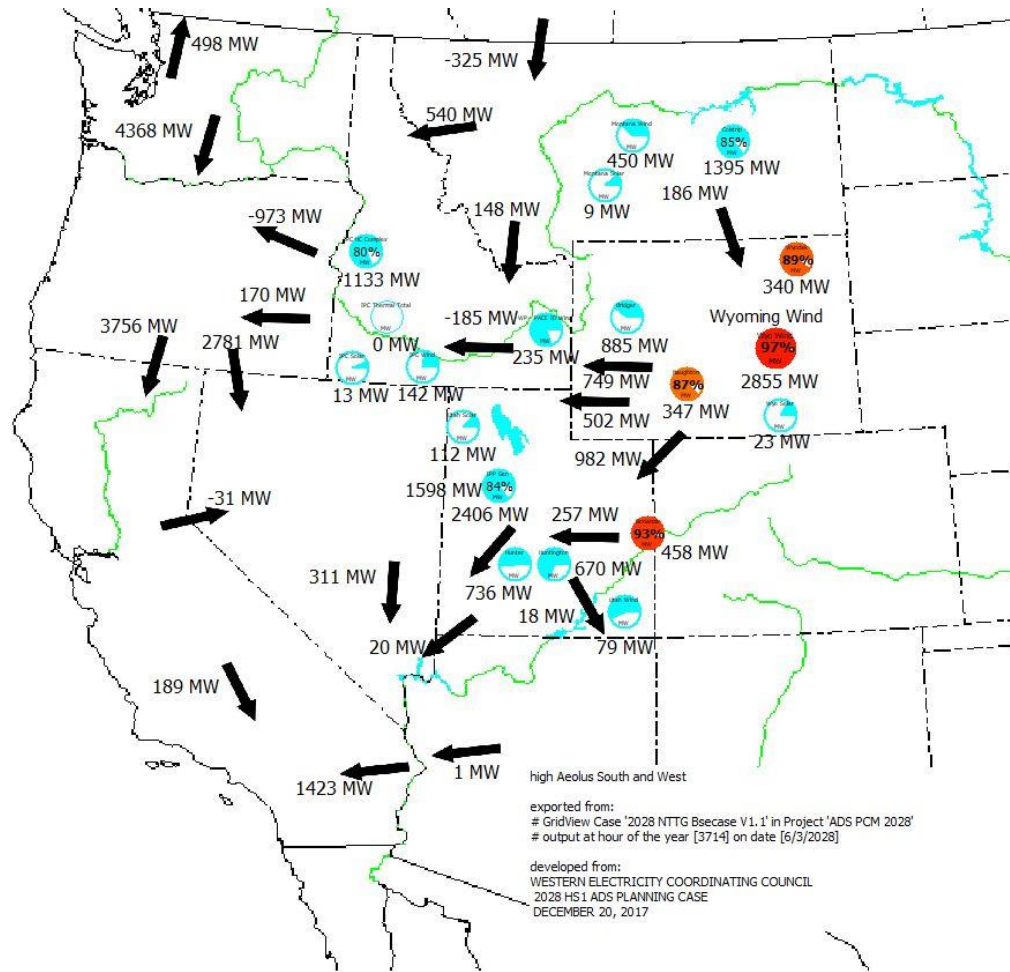


Figure 22 – Other flows for High NTTG Footprint Import Wind Case  
(July 27, 2028 Hour 14 - NTTG Case H)

The NTTG load and generation in this case are 14,287 MW and 13,317 MW respectively with a NTTG import of 1,624 MW. In reviewing the flows of the other extracted hours, it was noted that few hours fully stressed the Gateway South project. This hour was selected for that purpose. In this case, the Gateway South project is flowing 1,018 MW. The bubble diagram follows.





**Figure 24 – Other flows for High Aeolus West and South Case  
(June 3, 2028 Hour 18 - NTTG Case I)**

The wind level in this case, 2855 MW, is likely to be exceeded 513 hours per year, see Section IIID.

## V. Change Case Results

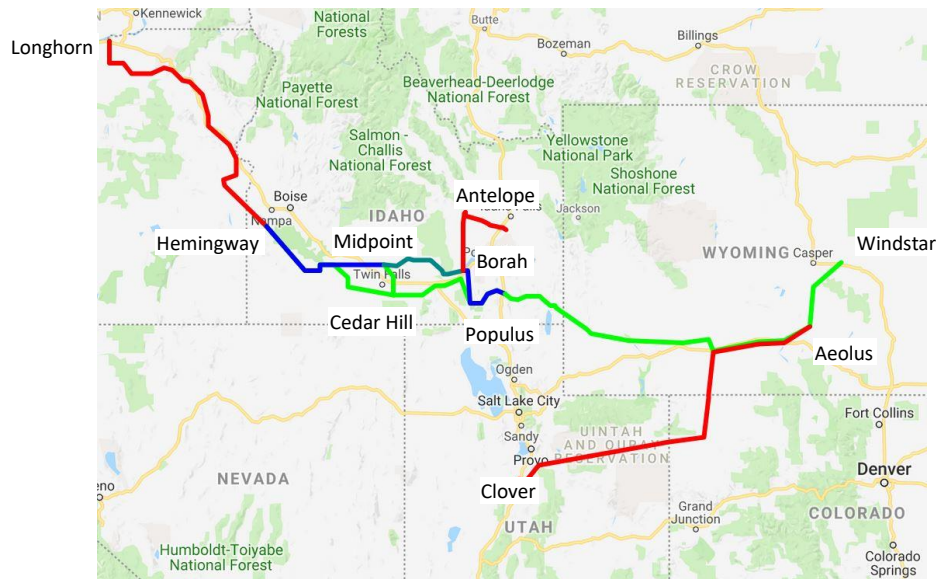
For each of these stress conditioned cases, a “Null” Change Case was prepared, and reliability results were analyzed. The Null case represents roughly today’s transmission topology with 2028 Loads and Resource requirements. For all null cases, the Antelope resource addition resulted in poor performance without the associated Antelope Projects.

Generally, cases can be ranked in increasing severity order: the Heavy Winter case (B), the high NTTG Import case (H), the Heavy Summer case (A); the high eastbound Idaho-Northwest case (C); the High Tot2 case (E); the high Borah West case (G), the High Wyoming wind case (F), and finally the Aeolus West and South case (I) being the worst.



The IRTP as submitted in Quarter 1 includes the following Non-Committed projects:

- The Boardman to Hemingway Project (Longhorn-Hemingway)
- The Gateway West Project which contains a number of sub-sections:
  - Windstar-Aeolus 230 kV
  - Aeolus-Anticline (Jim Bridger) 500 kV
  - Anticline-Populus 500 kV
  - Populus-Borah 500 kV
  - Populus- Cedar Hill 500 kV
  - Cedar Hill-Hemingway 500 kV
  - Cedar Hill- Midpoint 500 kV
  - Borah-Midpoint 345 to 500 kV conversion
  - Midpoint-Hemingway #2 500 kV
- The Gateway South Project:
  - Aeolus-Clover 500 kV
- The Antelope Projects:
  - Goshen-Antelope 345 kV
  - Antelope-Borah 345 kV

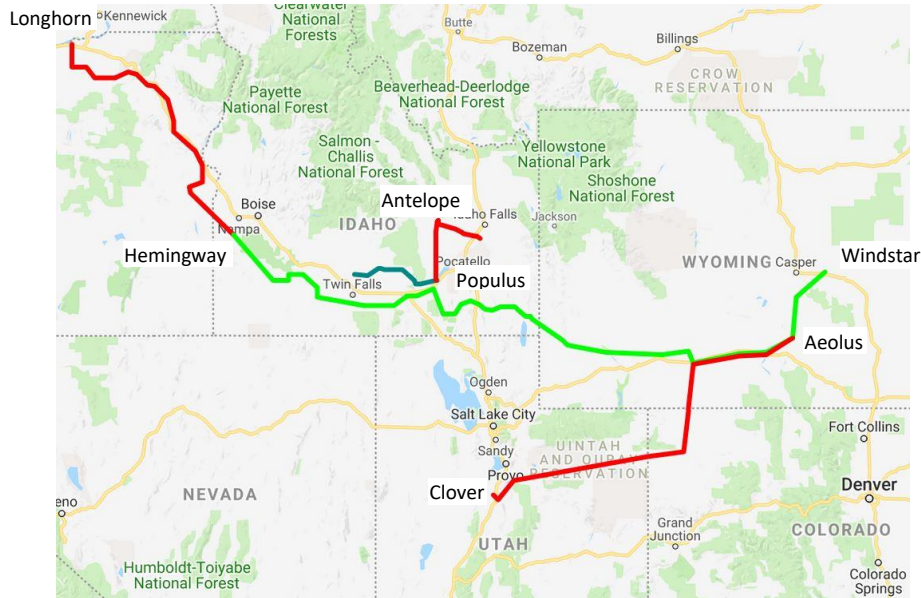


**Figure 25 - IRTP Projects**

The prior Regional Transmission Plan from last planning cycle included a subset of the projects submitted in the current Quarter 1:

- The Boardman to Hemingway Project (Longhorn-Hemingway)
- The Gateway West Project which contains several sub-sections:
  - Windstar-Aeolus 230 kV
  - Aeolus-Anticline (Jim Bridger) 500 kV
  - Anticline-Populus 500 kV
  - Populus- Cedar Hill 500 kV

- Cedar Hill-Hemingway 500 kV
- Borah-Midpoint 345 to 500 kV conversion
- The Gateway South Project:
  - Aeolus-Clover 500 kV
- The Antelope Projects:
  - Goshen-Antelope 345 kV
  - Antelope-Borah 345 kV



**Figure 26 - pRTP Projects**

To efficiently study the wide range of potential combinations of Non-Committed projects, the TWG formulated a Change Case matrix, an initial formulation of which was included in the Biennial Study Plan<sup>27</sup>. Once the stressed power flow cases had been selected and developed, the TWG modified the matrix to better reflect the recommended analysis. During the month of August 2018, stakeholder comments were solicited on the draft set of projects selected for analysis in the Change Case matrix. No comments were submitted. The matrix was also presented to the Planning Committee at the October and November meetings. Table 13 below, is the Change Case matrix that was used by the TWG:

<sup>27</sup> The Biennial Study Plan is the study plan used to produce the Regional Transmission Plan, as approved by the NTTG Steering Committee.

Case	B2H	Gateway S	Gateway W	Antelope Projects	SWIP N	Cross-Tie	TWE DC	TWE DC/AC	Stressed Conditions:
null									A B C F G H I
pRTP	✓	✓	a	✓					A B C E F G H I
iRTP	✓	✓	✓	✓					A B C E F G H I
CC1	✓								A B C F G I
CC2		✓		✓					A C E F I
CC3		✓	a						A C E F I
CC4	✓		a	✓					A C E F I
CC5	✓	✓		✓					A C E F I
CC6	✓	✓	a						A B C E F G H I
CC7								✓	A B C E F I
CC8							✓		A B C E F I
CC9						✓			A B C F I
CC10					✓				A B C F
CC11				✓				✓	(E)+RPS@1500
CC12		✓		✓				✓	(E)+RPS@1500
CC13			a	✓				✓	(E)+RPS@1500
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CC19				✓		✓			(E)+RPS@1500
CC20		✓		✓		✓			(E)+RPS@1500
CC21		✓	a	✓		✓			(E I)+RPS@1500
CC22			a	✓	✓				(E)+RPS@1500
CC23		✓	a	✓	✓				(E I)+RPS@1500
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CC25			a	✓	✓			✓	(E)+RPS@3000
CC26		✓		✓		✓		✓	(E)+RPS@3000
CC27		✓	a	✓	✓	✓		✓	(E)+RPS@4500
CC28			a	✓	✓		✓		(E)+RPS@3000
CC29		✓		✓		✓	✓		(E)+RPS@3000
CC30		✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓		(E)+RPS@4500
CC31	✓	✓	b	✓					E F G I
CC32	✓	✓	c	✓					F G I
CC33	✓	✓	d	✓					E F I

	The change case does not include the non-Committed Project
✓	The change case includes the non-Committed Project
a	Gateway West without Midpoint-Hemingway #2, Cedar Hill-Midpoint and Populus-Borah
b	pRTP less Populus-Cedar Hill-Hemingway
c	pRTP less Populus-Cedar Hill-Hemingway plus Populus-Borah
d	pRTP less Populus-Cedar Hill-Hemingway and Anticline-Populus
	The change case was run with and without B2H

**Table 13 - Change Case matrix used in the development of this report**

In all, over 150 reliability studies were performed with the previously mentioned 480+ contingencies. [Appendix C](#) lists selected path flows from a subset of the cases developed. A summary of the performance of these cases is described below. To better communicate the



results of these studies, the TWG created heat maps which present a weighted<sup>28</sup> graphical performance of a Change Case on a specific flow condition. In these heat maps, performance issues were accumulated for each powerflow zone, for example, the F-Null case performance looks like:

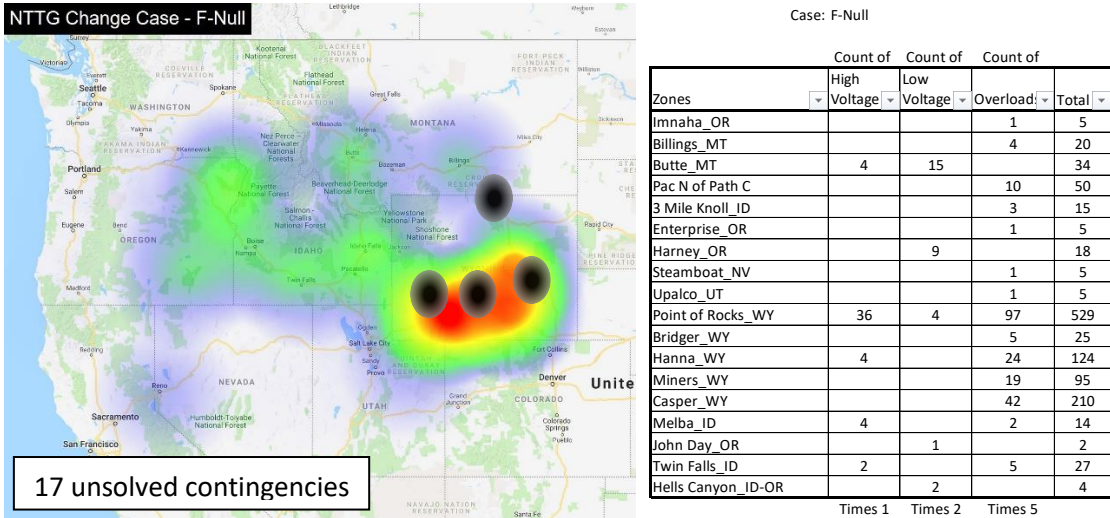


Figure 27 and Table 14 – Example Heat Map and Companion Table of the F-Null Case

This map does not indicate where the contingency occurred but the general location where the performance (e.g., overloaded transmission line) issues occurred for the contingency which may be hundreds of miles away. In the above heat diagram the accumulation of overloads and voltage issues are represented by the various colors. The map shows three general areas of reliability violations – NW Wyoming/SE Montana, southern Idaho and SE Washington/Central Oregon. These violations are occurring because the transmission systems are incapable of handling anticipated transfers across that area's transmission system.

The same map for the F-pRTP case looks like:

<sup>28</sup> High voltage conditions had a weighting of 1; Low voltage conditions had a weighting of 2; and overloads of branches had a weighting of 5. For example, a zone in which 10 contingencies caused an overload of one branch in that zone would receive a total weight of 50 (i.e., 10 x 5), which would then be translated into a color on the map. A blue color represents a weighted total of about 10, green is a count up to 30, yellow is a count up to 50 and red is for a weighted count exceeding about 70. In a number of studies, there were many contingencies that were unable to be solved indicating that that particular portion of the system was stressed well beyond its capabilities for reliable operation. In those cases, black circles have been added to the figures to indicate the approximate location of violations that would have occurred had the case stress reduced to permit a solution.

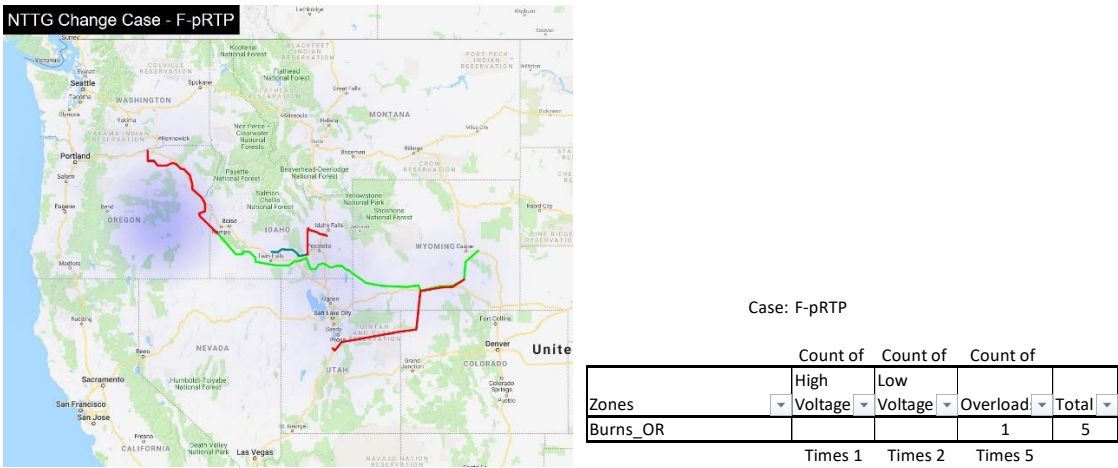


Figure 28 and Table 15 – Heat Map and Companion Table of the F Case with the pRTP facilities included

In this case, the map points to an overload in Oregon area on the Burns Series capacitor that is likely to be replaced prior to 2028. The rating of the bank will be re-evaluated to avoid it becoming a bottleneck to system performance. This map shows the dramatic improvement of the pRTP Change Case when compared to the Null case.

A. Heavy Summer Case results

In the Heavy Summer Null case, the most significant issue is related to the integration of the new Antelope Project resources. The remaining issues in the pRTP case shown in Figure 30 are local load service issues that are expected in a 1 in 5 peak load scenario.

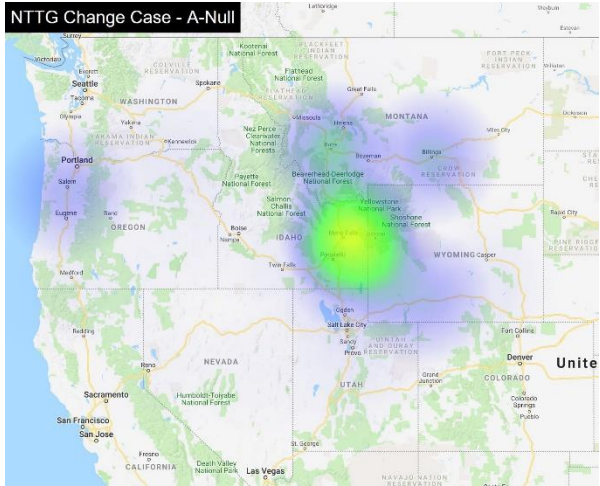


Figure 29

Case: A-Null

Zones	Count of		Count of	
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	Total
Billings_MT			2	10
Butte_MT			4	20
Pac BPA Loads_ID		1	1	7
Pac N of Path C			15	75
Soda Springs_ID		2		4
Salem_OR			1	5
Point of Rocks_WY			1	5

Times 1    Times 2    Times 5

Table 16

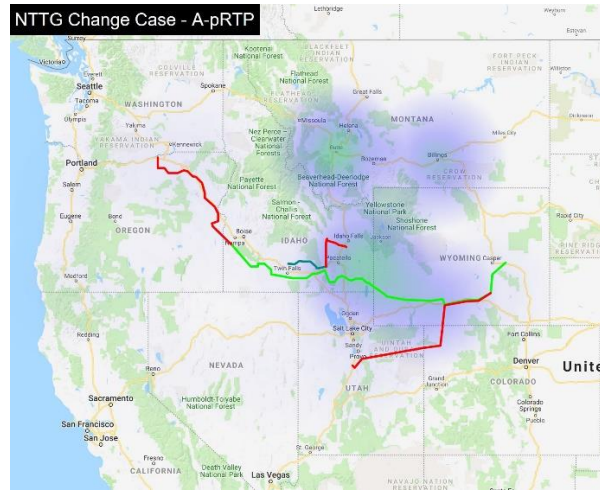


Figure 30

Case: A-pRTP

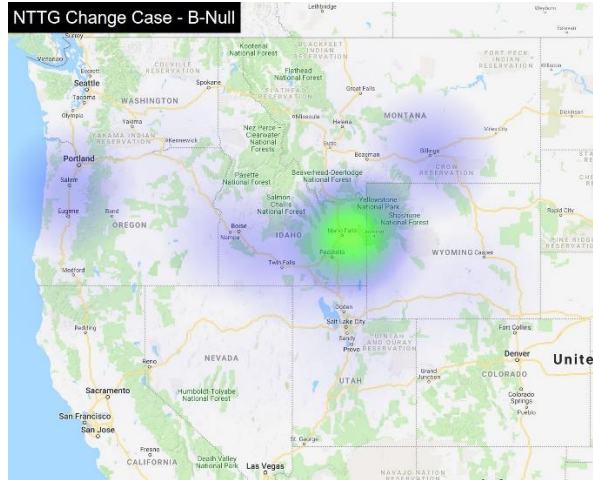
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	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	Total
Billings_MT			2	10
Butte_MT			4	20
Pac BPA Loads_ID		1		2
Soda Springs_ID		2		4
Point of Rocks_WY			1	5

Times 1    Times 2    Times 5

Table 17

**B. Heavy Winter Case results**

In the Heavy Winter Null case, similar to the Heavy Summer Null case, the most significant issue is related to the integration of the new Antelope Project resources. The remaining issues in the pRTP case shown in Figure 32 are very slight overload near Billings and an N-2 overload issue at Bridger.

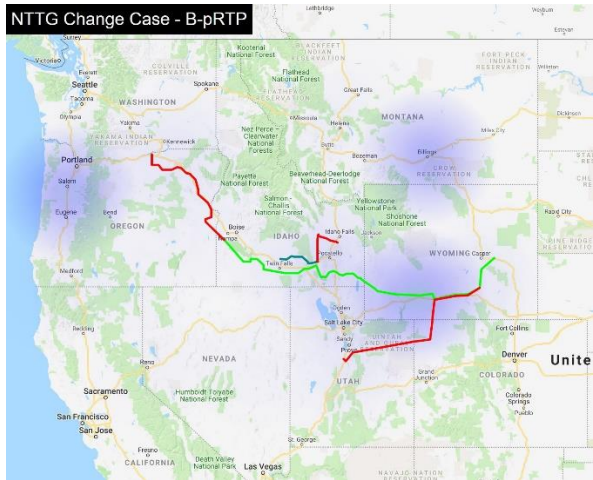


**Figure 31**

Case: B-Null

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Billings_MT			1		5
Pac BPA Loads_ID			1		5
Pac N of Path C			7		35
Salem_OR			1		5
Melba_ID	1				1
Twin Falls_ID	1				1
	Times 1	Times 2	Times 5		

**Table 18**



**Figure 32**

Case: B-pRTP

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Billings_MT			1		5
Salem_OR			1		5
Point of Rocks_WY			1		5
	Times 1	Times 2	Times 5		

**Table 19**



C. High Eastbound Idaho-Northwest Case results

Similarly, comparing the High Import Null Case (C-Null) with a case where the B2H project (inserted as a red line in the right heat map) is added is shown below:

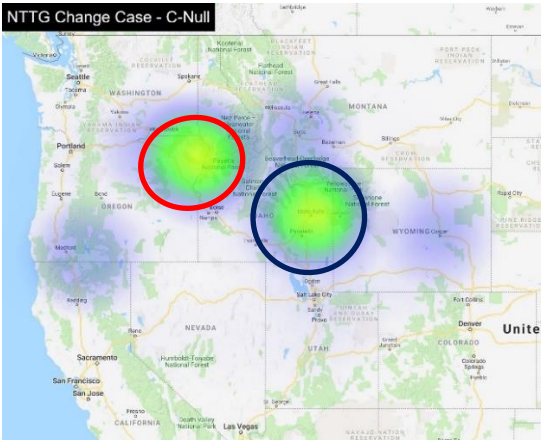


Figure 33

Case: C-Null

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Imnaha_OR			8		40
Butte_MT		4			8
Pac BPA Loads_ID			1		5
Pac N of Path C			12		60
Roundup_OR			1		5
Klamath Falls_OR	2				2
Medford_OR	1				1
Casper_WY			1		5
Arco_ID			1		5
Hells Canyon_ID-OR			7		35
Times 1		Times 2	Times 5		

Table 20

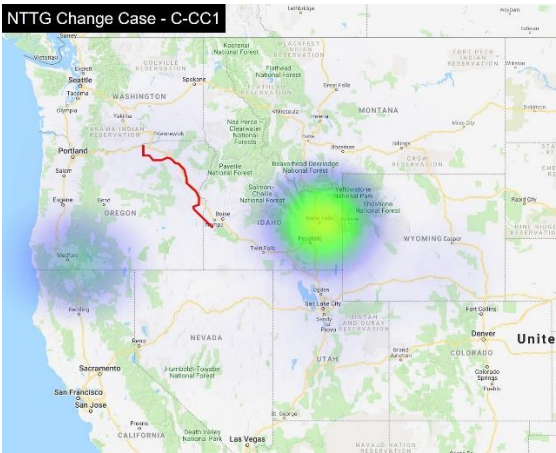


Figure 34

Case: C-CC1

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Pac BPA Loads_ID			1		5
Pac N of Path C			11		55
Grants Pass_OR	1				1
Klamath Falls_OR	2				2
Medford_OR	1				1
Arco_ID			1		5
Times 1		Times 2	Times 5		

Table 21

The stress across the Idaho-Northwest path, shown within the red oval, has been relieved when B2H is added, as well as, stress across the Montana-Idaho path (WECC Path 18). The Antelope Resource is the cause of the violations shown in the blue oval. The heat map in Figure 34 indicates that the B2H project has little impact on the integration of the Antelope Resource. Including the other Non-Committed projects of the prior RTP in Figure 35 (transmission lines shown in the blue oval) with the B2H project, the violations for the C flow condition are eliminated.

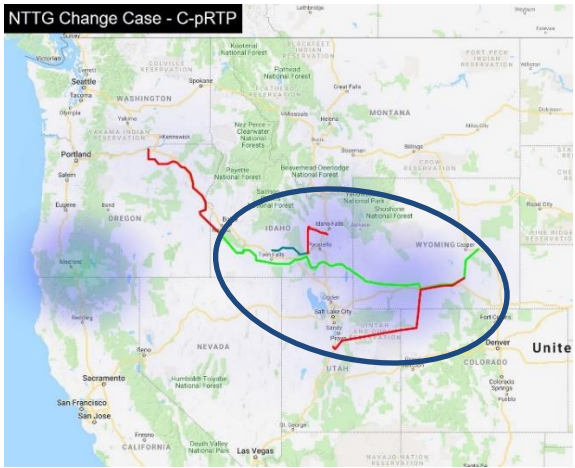


Figure 35

Case: C-pRTP

Zones	Count of	Count of	Count of	Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	
Pac N of Path C	1			1
Grants Pass_OR	1			1
Klamath Falls_OR	2			2
Medford_OR	1			1
Point of Rocks_WY			1	5

Times 1      Times 2      Times 5

Table 22

Change Case CC3, in the heat map Figure 36 below, tests to see if the Gateway West and/or Gateway South projects shown in the blue oval above can replace or be comparable to the B2H or the Antelope projects.

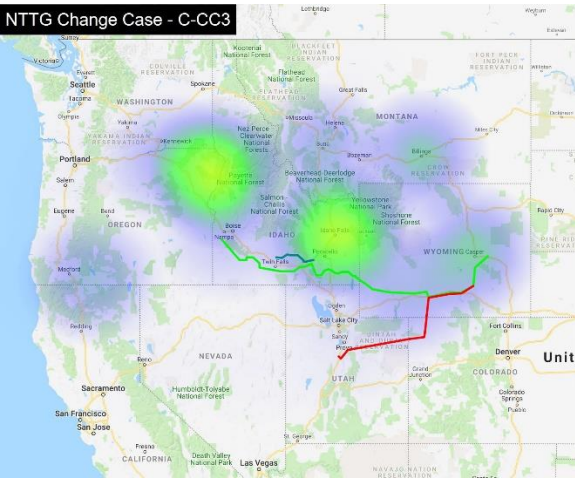


Figure 36

Case: C-CC3

Zones	Count of	Count of	Count of	Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	
Imnaha_OR			6	30
Billings_MT			4	20
Butte_MT		4		8
Pac BPA Loads_ID			1	5
Pac N of Path C			10	50
Roundup_OR			1	5
Klamath Falls_OR	2			2
Medford_OR	1			1
Point of Rocks_WY			1	5
Casper_WY			4	20
Melba_ID	1			1
Arco_ID			1	5
Hells Canyon_ID-OR			6	30

Times 1      Times 2      Times 5

Table 23

484           **D. High Westbound Idaho-Northwest case results**

485           The flow pattern extracted for this case did not meet the objectives for this case, so further study of  
486           the case was dropped.



E. High Tot2/COI/PDCI Case results

The E-Null case results depicted in Figure 37 are similar to the Fv2 case in Wyoming. The stress elsewhere in the NTTG footprint appears to be less. The remaining issues shown in Figure 38, the E-pRTP case, are local overloads in the Bonneville Dam area and N-2 transformer overload at the Jim Bridger Power Plant.

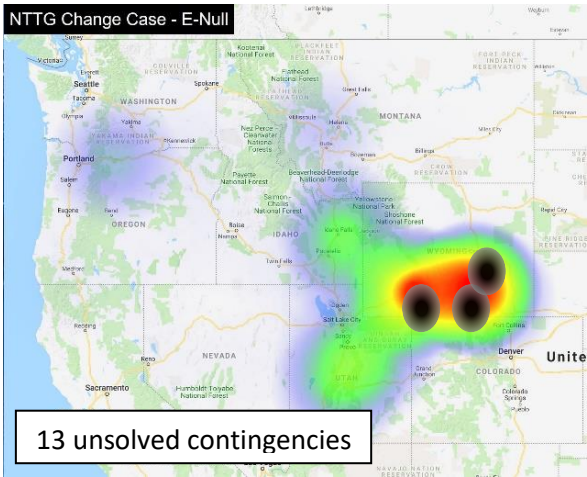


Figure 37

Case: E-Null

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Pac N of Path C			6		30
Soda Springs_ID			1		5
The Dalles_OR			2		10
Mona_UT			1		5
Sigurd_UT		8	2		26
Upalco_UT			1		5
Carrbonville_UT			1		5
Garrison_MT	1				1
Point of Rocks_WY	13	19	58		341
Bridger_WY			2		10
Hanna_WY	5	188	28		521
Miners_WY			6		30
Medicine Bow_WY			1		5
Rock River_WY	2	14	1		35
	Times 1	Times 2	Times 5		

Table 24

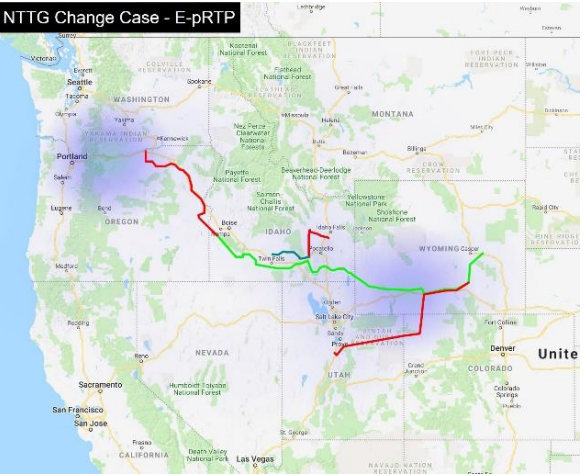


Figure 38

Case: E-pRTP

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
The Dalles_OR			2		10
Point of Rocks_WY			1		5
	Times 1	Times 2	Times 5		

Table 25

Without Gateway South in E-CC4, that configuration performs poorly. Similarly, without Gateway West in E-CC5, that configuration has similar issues.

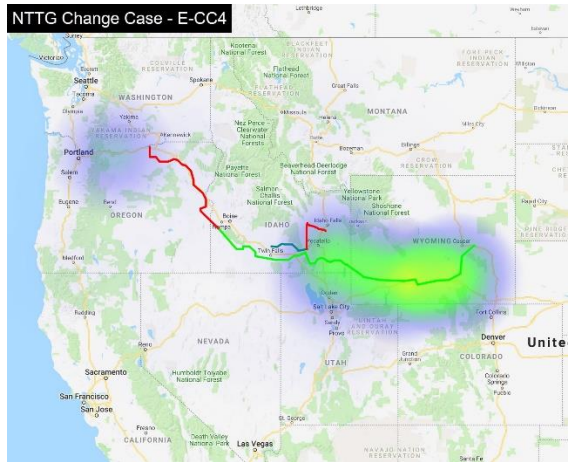


Figure 39

Case: E-CC4

Zones	Count of	Count of	Count of	Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	
Soda Springs_ID			3	15
The Dalles_OR			2	10
Logan_UT			1	5
Point of Rocks_WY		24	11	103
Hanna_WY		4	2	18
Miners_WY			2	10

Times 1      Times 2      Times 5

Table 26

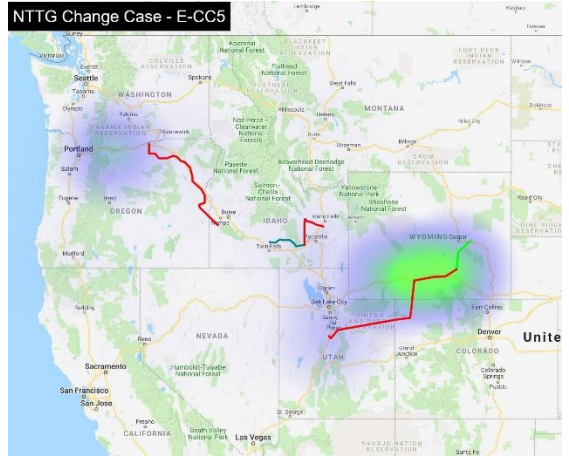


Figure 40

Case: E-CC5

Zones	Count of	Count of	Count of	Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	
The Dalles_OR			2	10
Mona_UT	1			1
Point of Rocks_WY		8	5	41
Hanna_WY		2	1	9
Miners_WY			1	5

Times 1      Times 2      Times 5

Table 27

F. High Wyoming Wind Case results

The F-Null case results depicted in Figure 41 with the wind production at the 2,707 MW level, indicate that its performance is worse than the heavy southern Idaho export case. When the pRTP facilities are added in Figure 42, the only remaining problems are with the rating of the Burns series capacitor bank. This bank is due for replacement since it has reached the end of its useful life. Its future rating has not been determined but the parties will consider these studies in establishing its new rating.

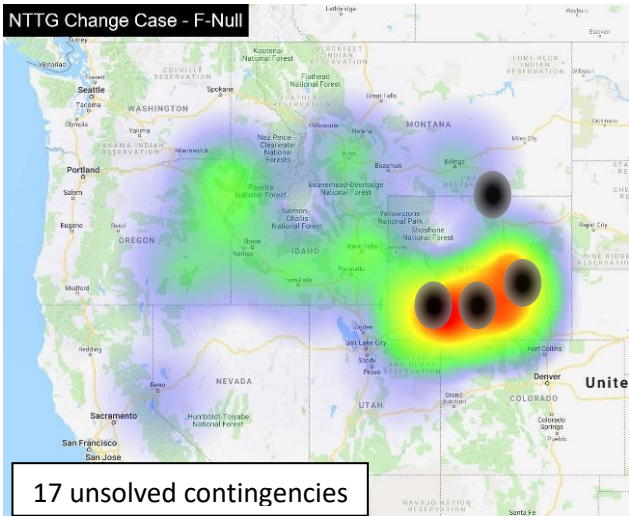


Figure 41

Case: F-Null

Zones	Count of		Count of		Count of	
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	Total		
Imnaha_OR			1	5		
Billings_MT			4	20		
Butte_MT	4	15		34		
Pac N of Path C			10	50		
3 Mile Knoll_ID			3	15		
Enterprise_OR			1	5		
Harney_OR		9		18		
Steamboat_NV			1	5		
Upalco_UT			1	5		
Point of Rocks_WY	36	4	97	529		
Bridger_WY			5	25		
Hanna_WY	4		24	124		
Miners_WY			19	95		
Casper_WY			42	210		
Melba_ID	4		2	14		
John Day_OR		1		2		
Twin Falls_ID	2		5	27		
Hells Canyon_ID-OR		2		4		

Times 1 Times 2 Times 5

Table 28

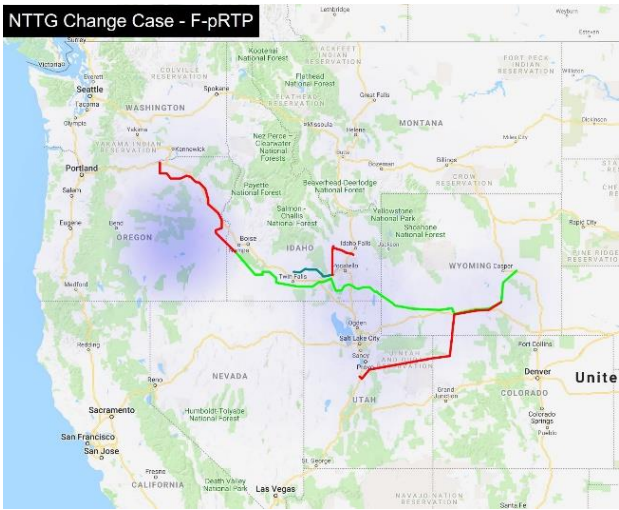


Figure 42

Case: F-pRTP

Zones	Count of		Count of		Count of	
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	Total		
Burns_OR			1	5		

Times 1 Times 2 Times 5

Table 29

The 2707 MW wind level represents a condition where over 1020 or 11.6% of the hours exceeded this level. The original target level of 2655 MW was 90% of the peak generated energy.

G. High Borah West Case results

The G-Null case results depicted in Figure 43 are similar to the E and F cases in Wyoming.

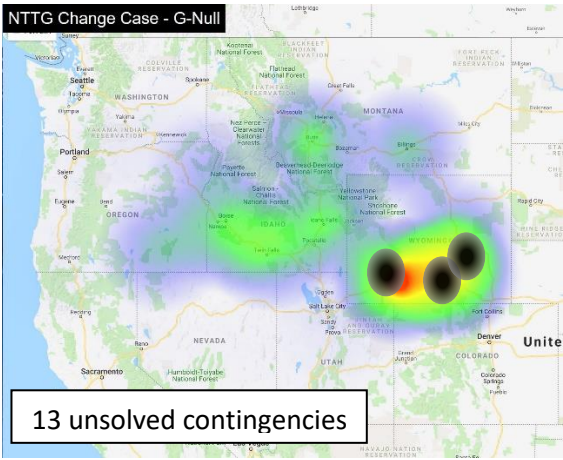


Figure 43

Case: G-Null

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Billings_MT			4		20
Butte_MT	4	19			42
Pac N of Path C		3	7		41
Harney_OR		8			16
Point of Rocks_WY	25		63		340
Hanna_WY	11		10		61
Miners_WY			10		50
Casper_WY			6		30
Melba_ID	2				2
Twin Falls_ID	1		7		36
Mountain Home_ID			2		10
Hells Canyon_ID-OR		2			4

Times 1 Times 2 Times 5

Table 30



Figure 44

Case: G-pRTP

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Davenport_WA			1		5
Burns_OR			1		5

Times 1 Times 2 Times 5

Table 31



The G-CC31 configuration shown in Figure 45 performs poorly without the Populus-Cedar Hill-Hemingway segment. Connecting Populus to Borah in G-CC32 helps slightly but the Populus-Cedar Hill-Hemingway segment is still needed at these transfer levels.

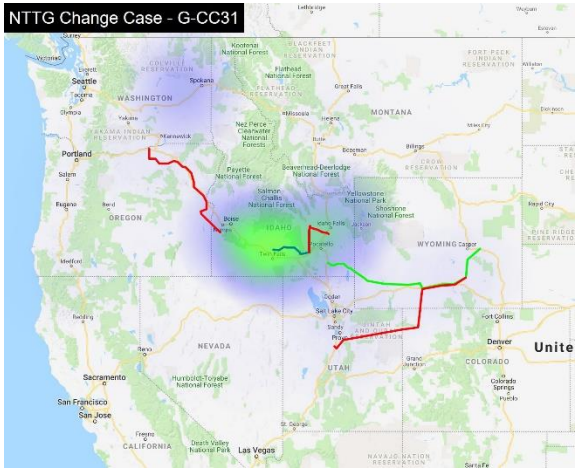


Figure 45

Case: G-CC31

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Davenport_WA			1		5
Pac N of Path C	1		2		11
Twin Falls_ID			8		40
Mountain Home_ID			2		10

Times 1      Times 2      Times 5

Table 32

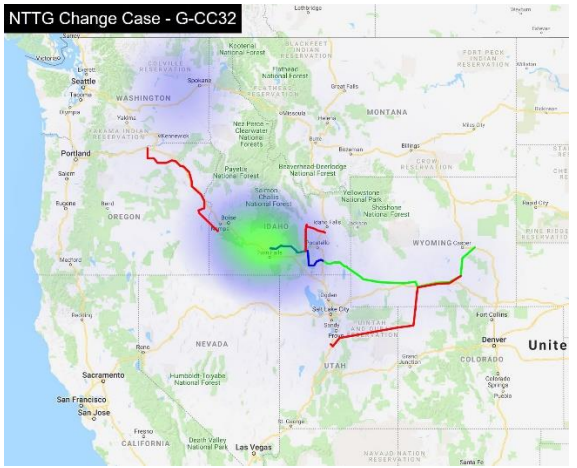


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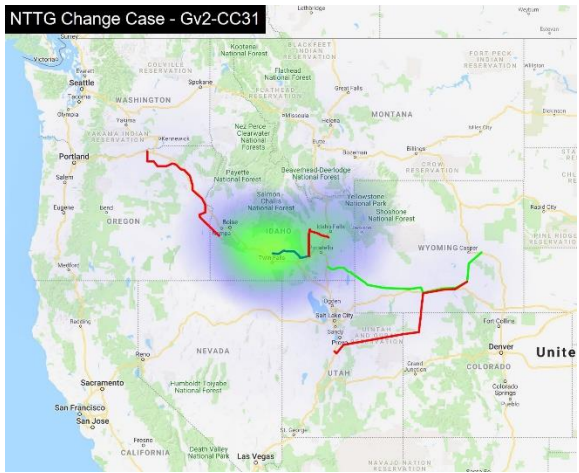
Case: G-CC32

Zones	Count of		Count of		Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload		
Davenport_WA			1		5
Twin Falls_ID			7		35
Mountain Home_ID			2		10

Times 1      Times 2      Times 5

Table 33

In the G case without NTTG footprint exports (Gv2) shown in Figure 47, the performance of the case is not significantly different than Figure 45. The Populus-Cedar Hill-Hemingway segment is needed to transport power within the NTTG footprint and is not dependant on exporting energy outside NTTG.



Case: Gv2-CC31

Zones	Count of	Count of	Count of	Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	
Pac N of Path C	1		2	11
Twin Falls_ID			10	50
Mountain Home_ID			2	10

Times 1Times 2Times 5

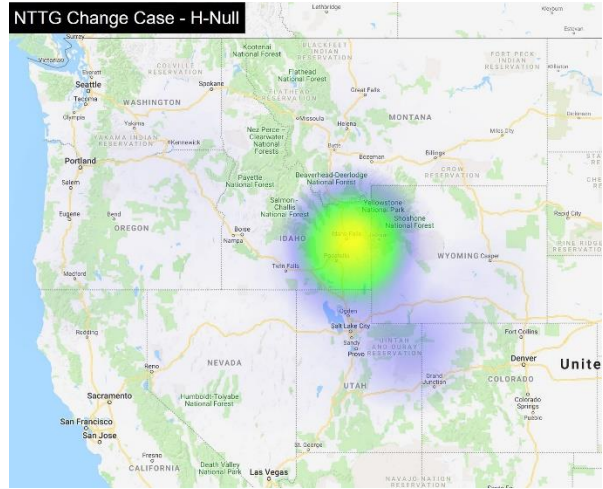
Figure 47

Table 34



**H. High NTTG Footprint Import results**

In the High NTTG footprint import case, again the most significant issue is related to the integration of the new Antelope Project resources. The remaining issues in the pRTP case shown in Figure 49 are very slight overload near Vernal and low N-1 voltages in the Three Mile Knoll area.



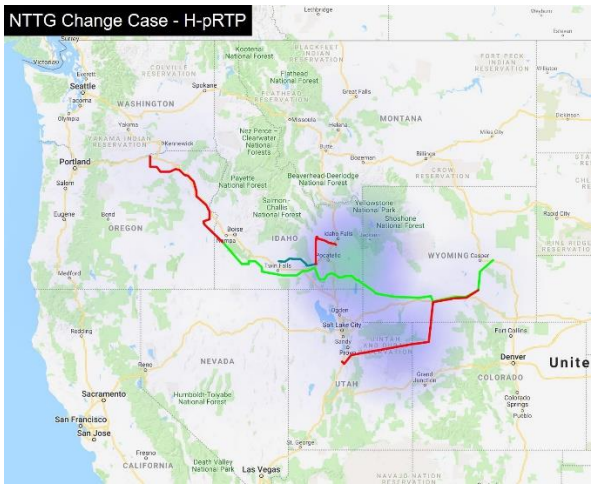
**Figure 48**

Case: H-Null

Zones	Count of		Count of	
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	Total
Pac BPA Loads_ID			1	5
Pac N of Path C			20	100
Soda Springs_ID		2		4
Pocatello_ID			1	5
Vernal_UT			1	5

Times 1 Times 2 Times 5

**Table 35**



**Figure 49**

Case: H-pRTP

Zones	Count of		Count of	
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	Total
Pac BPA Loads_ID		1		2
Soda Springs_ID		2		4
Vernal_UT			1	5

Times 1 Times 2 Times 5

**Table 36**

I. High Aeolus West and South Case results

The I Null case could not be solved without some Wyoming transmission facility additions. The I Null+ (including those additions) case results are depicted in Figure 50.

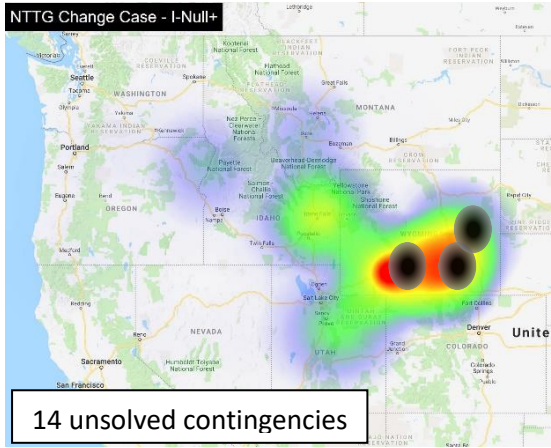


Figure 50

Case: I-Null+

Zones	Count of		Count of	
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	Total
Butte_MT		4		8
Pac BPA Loads_ID			1	5
Pac N of Path C		1	14	72
Mona_UT			1	5
Upalco_UT			1	5
Carrbonville_UT			1	5
Point of Rocks_WY	34	11	111	611
Hanna_WY	7		35	182
Miners_WY			20	100
Glenrock_WY			20	100
Casper_WY	2			2
Arco_ID			1	5
Hells Canyon_ID-OR			2	10

Times 1 Times 2 Times 5

Table 37



Figure 51

Case: I-pRTP

Zones	Count of		Count of	
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	Total
	Times 1	Times 2	Times 5	

Table 38

Case I-CC4 and I-CC5 check to see if either Gateway project, West or South, can perform adequately without the other. Both cases have an unsolved contingency indicating the both configurations are well beyond their capability at this stress level.

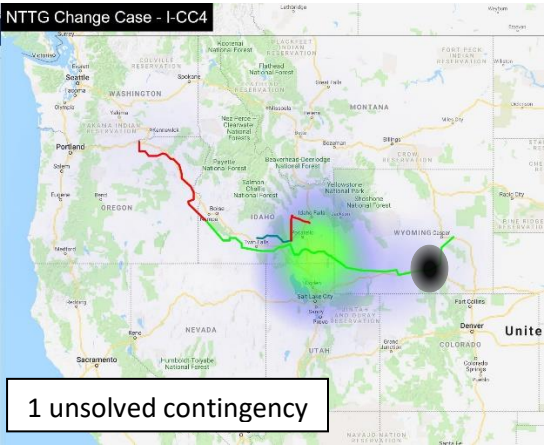


Figure 52

Case: I-CC4

Zones	Count of	Count of	Count of	Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	
Pac N of Path C	1			1
Soda Springs_ID			2	10
Logan_UT			1	5
North Logan_UT			1	5
Point of Rocks_WY	1			1

Times 1      Times 2      Times 5

Table 39

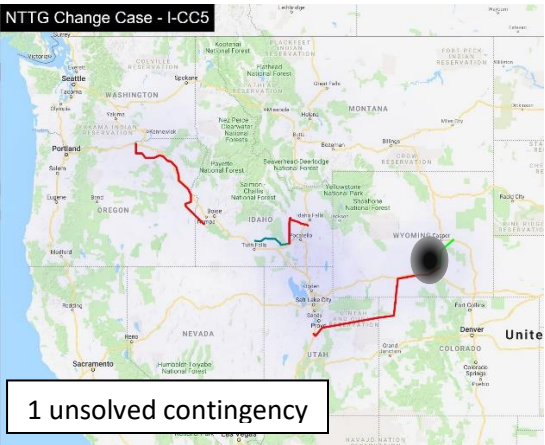


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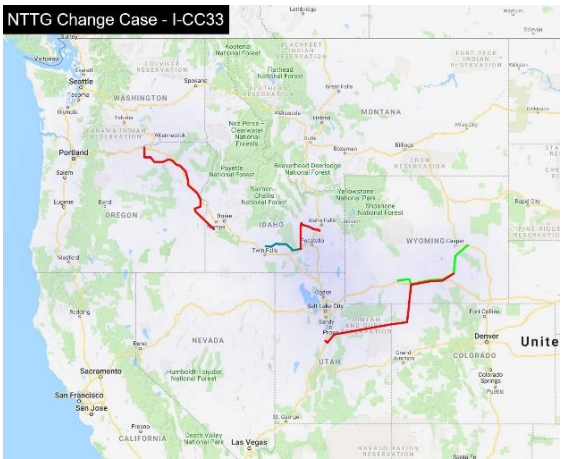
Case: I-CC5

Zones	Count of	Count of	Count of	Total
	High Voltage	Low Voltage	Overload	
Pac N of Path C	1			1
Soda Springs_ID			2	10
Logan_UT			1	5
North Logan_UT			1	5
Point of Rocks_WY	1			1

Times 1      Times 2      Times 5

Table 40

In the case of CC4 (Figure 52, Gateway West without Gateway South) and CC5 (Figure 53, Gateway South without Gateway West), perform poorly for loss of either Gateway segments.



Case: I-CC33

Zones	Count of		Count of		Count of	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
	Voltage	Voltage	Voltage	Voltage	Overload	Overload
	Times 1	Times 2	Times 1	Times 2	Times 1	Times 2

Figure 54

Table 41

In Case I-CC33 (Figure 54), the western portions of Gateway West (west of Bridger) were excluded and replaced with the Gateway South project. This case performs satisfactorily, however, the Bridger dispatch level (885 MW) is low.

## J. 2029 Bridger Retirement Sensitivity

Sensitivity cases were performed on the exported hours where all four Bridger Units were dispatched above 1500 MW (3 Unit operation). This occurred in the Heavy Summer case (Case A), the Heavy Winter case (Case B), the Idaho-Northwest Export case (Case D, not studied), the TOT2/COI/PDCI case (Case E) and the High Wyoming Wind case (Case F). In the other cases (Cases C, G, H and I), the Bridger dispatch was below 1500 MW and those conditions would not be impacted by a Bridger Unit Retirement.

Case A, B, E and F were adjusted to remove Bridger Unit 1 from service. In the Heavy Summer and Heavy Winter conditions (Cases A and B), the unit output was replaced by additional Coulee dispatch, as the Idaho and PacifiCorp non-renewable resources were already fully committed. For Cases E and F, the Idaho and PacifiCorp East control areas resources were adjusted on an ownership basis (2/3 PacifiCorp (east), 1/3 Idaho Power). In all four cases, the phase shifter between the 345 kV system and the 500 kV system at Bridger was adjusted to cause an increased 400 MW of flow from the 500 kV to the 345 kV systems, unloading the 500 kV system.

For Cases A and B there was no appreciable change in outage performance, since the Wyoming Wind transfers out of the state were relatively light. In Case E, a slight reduction in a Bridger N-2 Transformer outage overload occurred, yet the reduction would not change the need for mitigation. Similar to Case E, the Case F change in performance was minimal.



## K. Interregional Transmission Projects

The Interregional Transmission Projects were analyzed to determine whether an ITP alone or in combination with the other ITPs and/or the Non-Committed projects could, from a regional perspective, satisfy NTTG's transmission needs on a regional or interregional basis more efficiently or cost effectively than through local planning processes. The ITPs were added to the Null cases without any additional resources to serve NTTG load beyond those resources identified in the Quarter 1 data submittals. The ITP projects were tested with Cases A, B, C, E, F, and I. The high Wyoming wind case results are shown graphically below in Figure 55 through Figure 59.

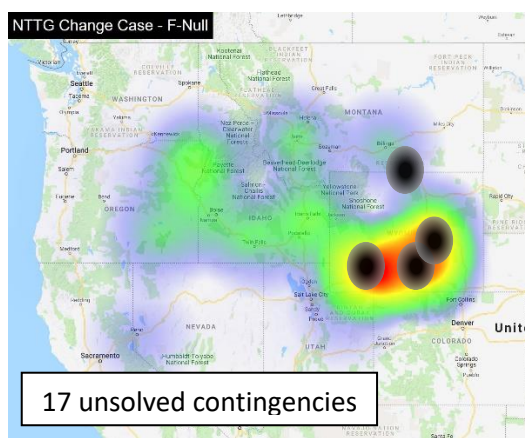


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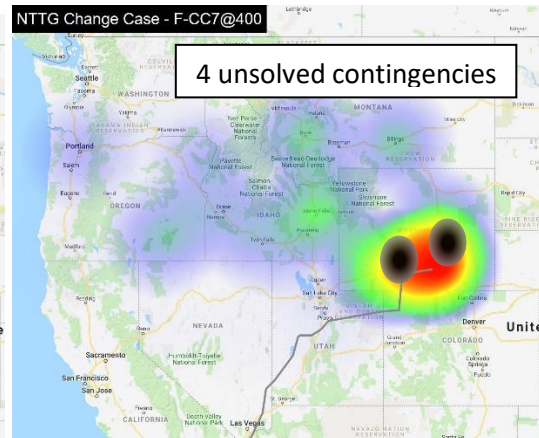


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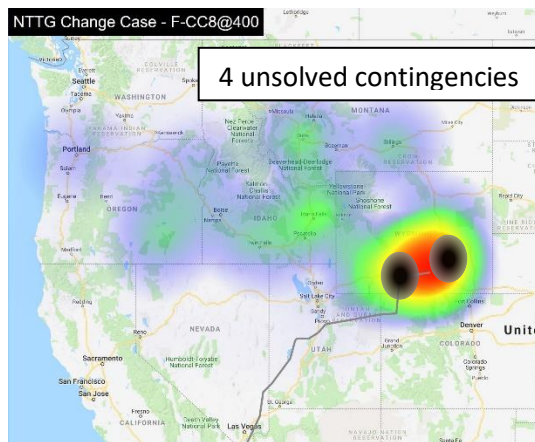


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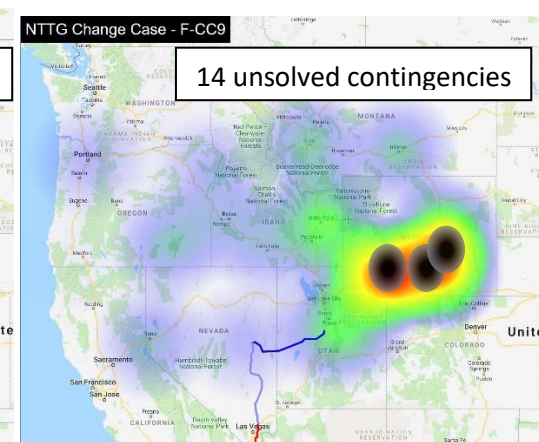


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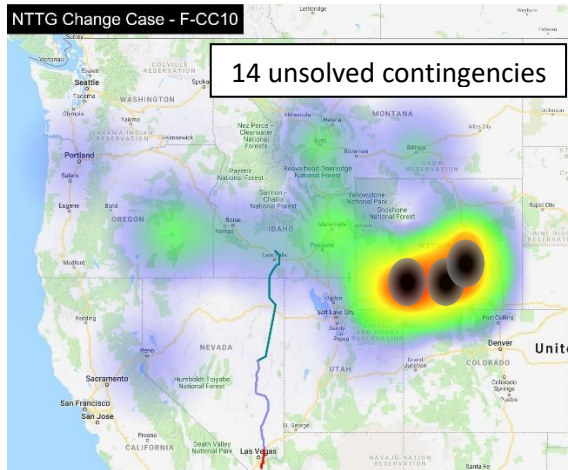


Figure 59

For the High Aeolus West and South case:

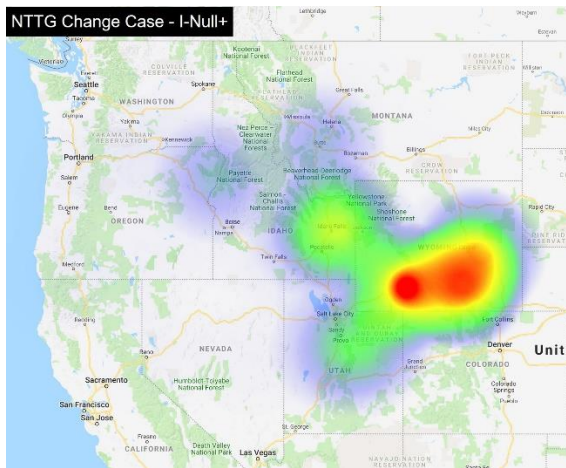


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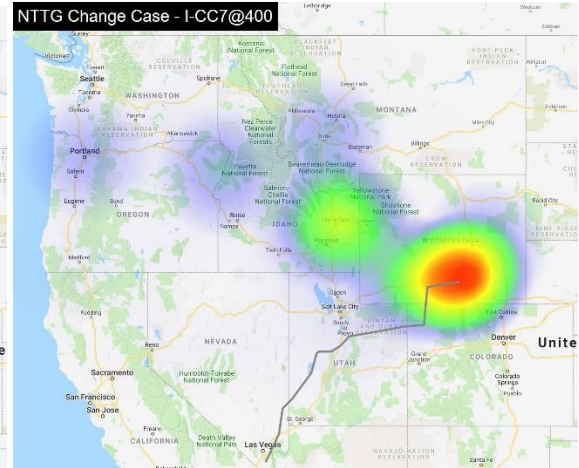


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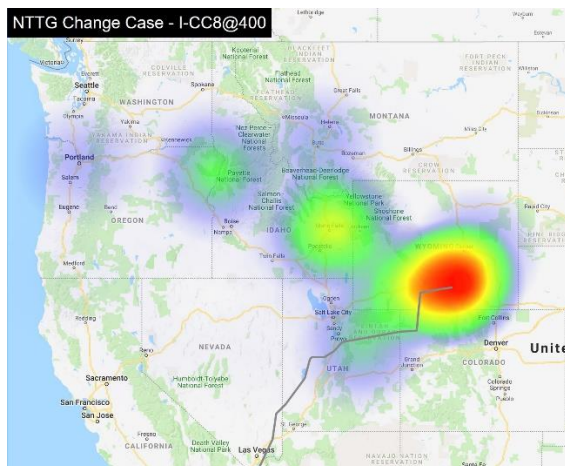


Figure 62

Note that, similar to the I-Null case, the CC9 and CC10 cases were not able to be solved without additional reinforcements in Wyoming. The ITPs do not provide the NTTG footprint with regional benefits by significantly reducing performance issues or displacing NTTG Non-Committed projects.

The dRTP was also analyzed to determine whether it is capable of supporting the interregional resource transfers proposed by the ITPs:

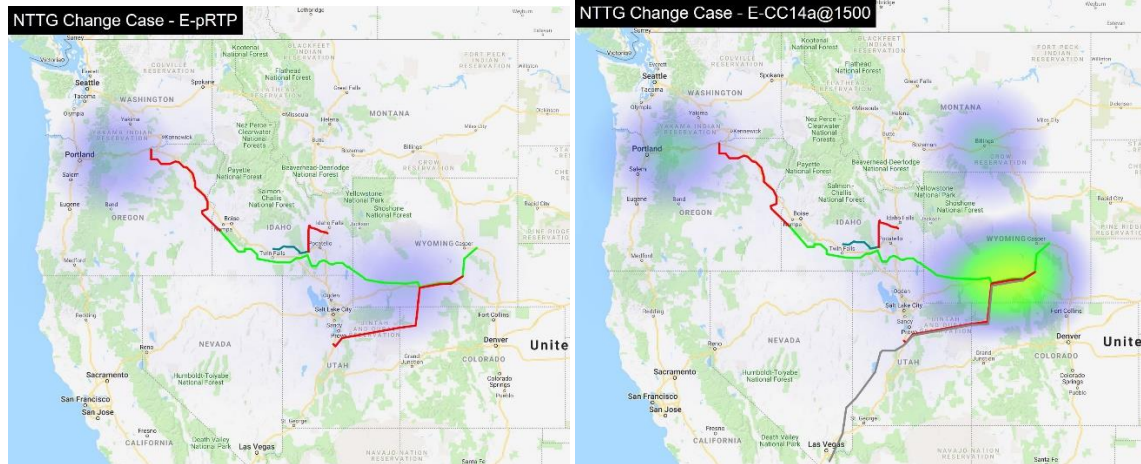


Figure 63

Figure 64

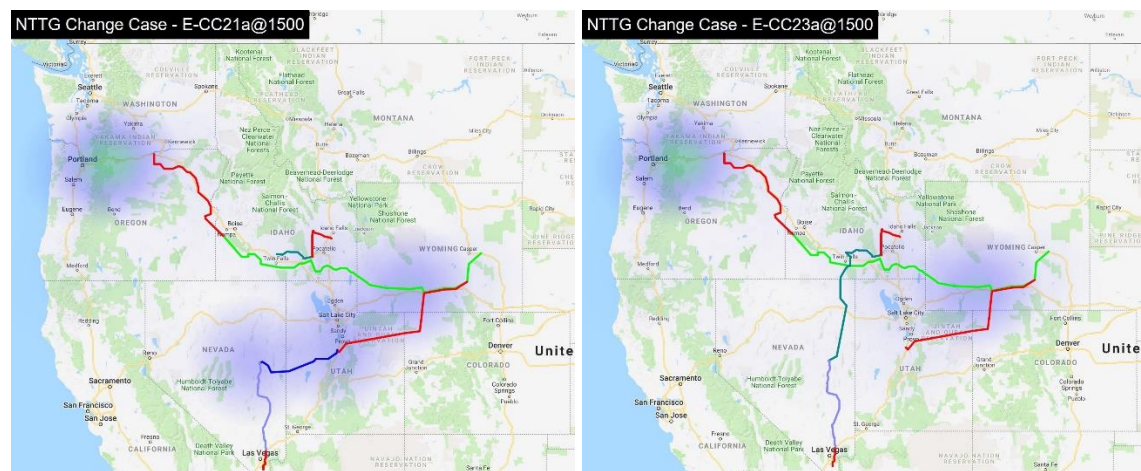


Figure 65

Figure 66

Each of the ITPs interfaces differently with the additional wind resources in Wyoming. In the TWE E-CC14a case (Figure 64), the case was run not tripping the wind resource for DC line outages. In order to avoid performance issues, the most of the 1,500 MW of resources would need to be tripped. Additionally, in these studies, the DC terminal was modeled by connecting the DC terminal to the existing 230 kV system, even when the Gateway West and South 500 kV projects were modeled in the case. Adding a 500 kV interface to the DC terminal would likely improve the Wyoming performance issue. Combinations of the ITPs projects were also studied with resource additions up to 4,500 MW.



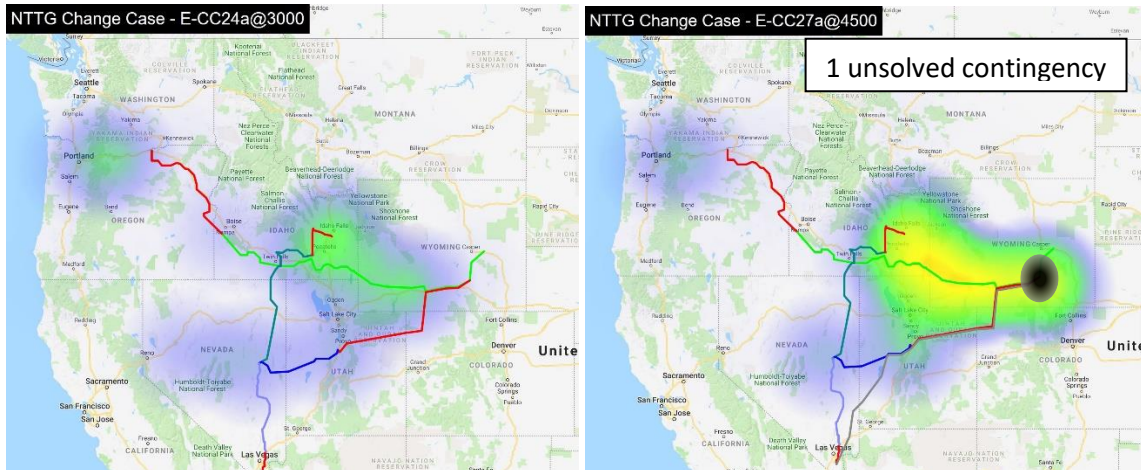


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Figure 68

Again, Change Case E-CC27a in Figure 67 has the same issue as Change Case E-CC14a in Figure 64. Given the relatively long distances of the ITPs, the local integration performance issues in Wyoming are solvable.

## VI. Impacts on Neighboring Regions

The TWG monitored the impacts of projects under consideration for the Draft Regional Transmission Plan on neighboring Planning Regions through each Change Case. The TWG found that the IRTP or the alternative Change Case plans did not impact neighboring Planning Regions.

## VII. Reliability Conclusions

Based on the above study results, the TWG concludes that Change Cases pRTP and the IRTP satisfy the NTTG reliability criteria. The NTTG area is not reliably served in the year 2028 without including the following Non-Committed regional projects:

- Boardman to Longhorn (formerly Hemingway)
- The Energy Gateway projects including segments:
  - Windstar-Aeolus 230 kV
  - Aeolus-Clover 500 kV
  - Aeolus-Anticline 500 kV
  - Anticline-Populus 500 kV
  - Populus-Cedar Hill-Hemingway 500 kV
  - Borah-Midpoint 345 kV to 500 kV conversion
- Antelope Transmission Project including:
  - Antelope – Borah 345 kV
  - Antelope – Goshen 345 kV
  - Antelope 345/230 kV transformers and interconnection facilities

The ITPs were evaluated to determine whether one or more ITP would defer or replace NTTG's Non-Committed projects. It was determined that none of the ITPs solve NTTG's reliability performance issues and, as such, have not been included in the NTTG dRTP.

## VIII. Economic Evaluations

To determine which of the transmission plans (i.e., iRTP or pRTP) described above is the more cost effective, the calculation and evaluation of certain economic metrics is required. These transmission plans, incorporate some or all of the Non-Committed projects and Alternative Projects as may be necessary to satisfy NTTG's reliability performance criteria. Therefore, after determining the transmission plan that is more "efficient or cost effective" the Non-Committed projects of that plan will be included in the dRTP. From the Biennial Study Plan, the economic metrics to be evaluated are the capital related costs, NTTG footprint losses, and reserves. The economic evaluations are discussed below.

### A. Capital Related Cost Metric

Development of the capital related cost metric required two steps to complete. The first step was to validate the Project Sponsor's Q1 submitted project capital cost. The validation was completed by comparing the Project Sponsor's submitted capital cost to the output results of a WECC Transmission Capital Cost Calculator, an MS Excel spreadsheet. If the submitted capital costs varied from the Calculator output by 20% or more, the TWG worked with the Project Sponsor to resolve the cost difference. If the difference could not be resolved, the TWG determined the appropriate cost to apply in the study process. If the Project Sponsor did not submit project capital cost, then the TWG developed the project's capital cost using the Transmission Capital Cost Calculator output. The analysis results from this first step are shown in Table 42.

**Project Capital Cost Estimate  
2018\$**

Range	Non-Committed Projects				Plan Capital Cost
	B2H	GW South	GW West iRTP	Alt Proj GW West pRTP	
80%	\$1,128,277,367	\$1,282,740,293	\$2,910,441,363	\$2,337,522,943	
WECC Calculator	\$1,410,346,708	\$1,603,425,366	\$3,638,051,703	\$2,921,903,678	
120%	\$1,692,416,050	\$1,924,110,439	\$4,365,662,044	\$3,506,284,414	
Sponsor Estimate	\$1,183,092,750	Not Provided	Not Provided	Not Provided	
Capital Cost Used	\$1,183,092,750	\$1,603,425,366	\$3,638,051,703	\$2,921,903,678	
iRTP	\$1,183,092,750	\$1,603,425,366	\$3,638,051,703		\$6,424,569,819
pRTP	\$1,183,092,750	\$1,603,425,366		\$2,921,903,678	\$5,708,421,794
pRTP less iRTP					-\$716,148,025

**Table 42 Validated Cost Estimates**

The second step is to develop the levelized capital related cost metric using the capital cost results described above. First, the annual capital related cost was computed for a 40 year revenue requirement time period using a WECC Capital Cost Calculator. The annual capital related cost is the sum of annual return, depreciation, taxes other than income, operation and

maintenance expense, and income taxes (assumed 21%). A future escalation rate of 2.3% was applied to escalate and de-escalate costs from 2018 to the in-service year and a weighted cost of capital of 8.5% was estimated for all projects assuming 50% debt (@6%) and 50% equity (@11%) structure. The depreciation period was assumed to be 40 years for all projects. Next, the total present value of annual capital related costs was computed using a discount rate of 8.5% for all projects. Next the levelized<sup>29</sup> net present value annual capital related costs for the iRTP and the pRTP plans were computed. Table 43 provides that levelized capital related cost for the iRTP and the pRTP.

Plan Capital Related Cost ("CRC") Metric

11/16/2018

2018\$	B2H	GW South	GW West iRTP	GW West pRTP	Plan CRC
In-Service Year	2026	2024	2024	2024	
Project Capital Cost	\$1,183,092,750	\$1,603,425,366	\$3,638,051,703	\$2,921,903,678	
NPV CRC	\$1,882,583,955	\$2,551,433,830	\$5,789,011,693	\$4,649,448,644	
Annual* CRC	\$166,386,546	\$225,500,839	\$511,644,464	\$410,927,596	
<b>iRTP Lvl CRC</b>	<b>\$166,386,546</b>	<b>\$225,500,839</b>	<b>\$511,644,464</b>		<b>\$903,531,849</b>
<b>pRTP Lvl CRC</b>	<b>\$166,386,546</b>	<b>\$225,500,839</b>		<b>\$410,927,596</b>	<b>\$802,814,981</b>
pRTP less iRTP					<b>(\$100,716,868)</b>

\* Levelized Payment over 40 Yr Economic Life and 8.5% Discount Rate

Table 43 Estimated Capital Related Cost Estimates

## B. Energy Loss Metric

### 1. Background and Method

The Energy Loss Metric is used to capture the change in energy generated, based on system topology, to serve a given amount of customer load. The study year was 2028. Using Production Cost Modeling software, the NTTG footprint Balancing Authority Area ("BAA") annual MWh losses for the iRTP and pRTP were calculated based on hourly load, generation and export\import flows on external tie lines. A reduction in annual energy losses represents a benefit because less energy is required to serve the same load. The annual BAA MWh loss value was then multiplied by a 2028 BAA Average Locational Marginal Price \$/MWh, extracted from the Production Cost Model to produce an annualized dollar cost of energy losses.

### 2. Results

The Table 44 summarizes the energy loss benefit analysis for each of the affected NTTG balancing areas.

<sup>29</sup> Using the same economic parameters described above.

PCM Loss Detail

11/16/2018  
2018\$

		pRTP BAA Energy Losses		iRTP BAA Energy Losses		Cost of Annual Losses Savings = pRTP - iRTP
Area	Average LMP for Loads (\$/MWh)	Calculated Losses (MWh)	Cost of Annual Losses \$	Calculated Losses (MWh)	Cost of Annual Losses \$	Annual Losses Cost Savings \$
IPFE	24	63,996	\$1,514,519	63,923	\$1,512,805	\$1,714
IPMV	24	147,161	\$3,600,421	146,991	\$3,596,265	\$4,156
IPTV	25	352,993	\$8,822,441	352,589	\$8,812,342	\$10,100
NWMT	20	90,135	\$1,791,788	90,032	\$1,789,744	\$2,044
PACW	28	565,556	\$15,673,912	564,909	\$15,655,980	\$17,932
PAID	22	138,601	\$3,016,536	138,443	\$3,013,096	\$3,439
PAUT	21	959,602	\$20,153,366	958,504	\$20,130,299	\$23,066
PAWY	21	222,515	\$4,735,250	222,260	\$4,729,839	\$5,411
PGE	29	639,392	\$18,300,719	638,660	\$18,279,768	\$20,951
<b>NTTG Total</b>		3,179,951	\$77,608,952	3,176,311	\$77,520,138	\$88,813

**Table 44 : Average Energy Loss**

Table 44 above shows that from a loss perspective, the pRTP case has more energy losses than the iRTP and as such is the less efficient case. Losses are higher in the pRTP because the electrical flows in the iRTP case were redistributed to the new higher voltage, lower impedance lines. Incremental losses in PCM are a function of topology, impedance and injections. As load and generation dispatch is changed hourly, so does incremental losses.

### C. Reserve Metric

The reserve metric evaluates the opportunities for two or more parties to economically share a generation resource that would be enabled by transmission. The metric is a 10-year incremental look at the increased load and generation additions in the NTTG footprint and the incremental transmission additions that may be included in the dRTP. In the study cycle, the Gateway West iRTP, Gateway West pRTP, Gateway South and B2H projects were included in the analysis. To evaluate these projects, the NTTG footprint was segmented into zones.

The metric assumes that the parties within the zones share a pro-rata portion of a simple cycle combustion turbine (priced at \$800/kw). A preliminary calculation of the reserve metric found that none of the positive reserve benefits exceed \$750,000/year over the reserve sharing ability of the existing transmission system. More importantly, there is not a reserve sharing distinction between the pRTP and the iRTP; both plans can support all the positive reserve combinations. Since the iRTP and pRTP transmission plans could contain the same benefit value, the change in Reserve metric does not factor into the dRTP selection decision.

### D. Metric Analysis Conclusion – Incremental Cost Comparison

The sum of the annual capital related cost metric, loss metric (monetized) and reserve metric (monetized) calculate the incremental cost for the iRTP and the pRTP. The set of projects within the iRTP or pRTP plans with the lowest incremental cost, after adjustment by the plan's effects on neighboring regions, will then be incorporated within the dRTP.



Annual Incremental Cost  
2018\$

11/16/2018	iRTP	pRTP	pRTP less iRTP
Capital Related Cost	\$903,531,849	\$802,814,981	(\$100,716,868)
Losses - Monitized	\$77,520,138	\$77,608,952	\$88,814
Reserve - Monitized	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)	\$0
Incremental Cost	\$980,301,987	\$879,673,933	(\$100,628,054)

Table 45 Change Case Metric Estimate Difference from iRTP

## IX. Final Regional Transmission Plan

Based on the reliability and economic conclusions discussed above, the more efficient or cost effective plan, based on the studies in this report, is the pRTP which is a staged variant of the iRTP.

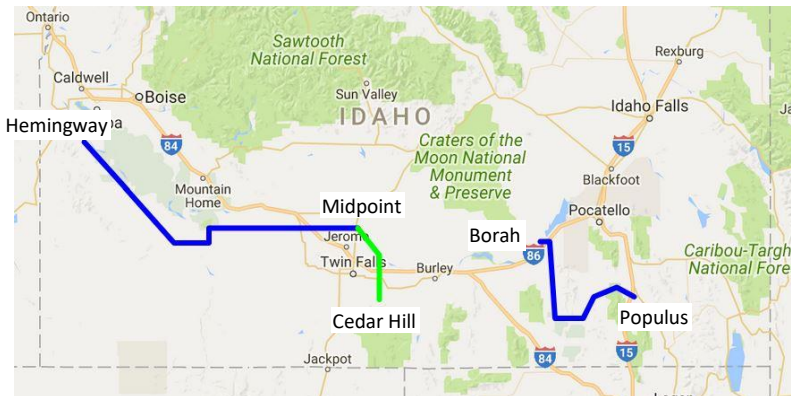


Figure 69 - IRTP segments not included in dRTP

NTTG's dRTP is shown in Figure 70 was selected after a rigorous technical Change Case reliability analysis of NTTG TP's rollup of their local area plans, assumption and Non-Committed regional transmission projects augmented with stakeholder interregional transmission projects. This technical analysis was followed by an economic metric analysis that selected NTTG's more efficient or cost effective Regional Transmission Plan

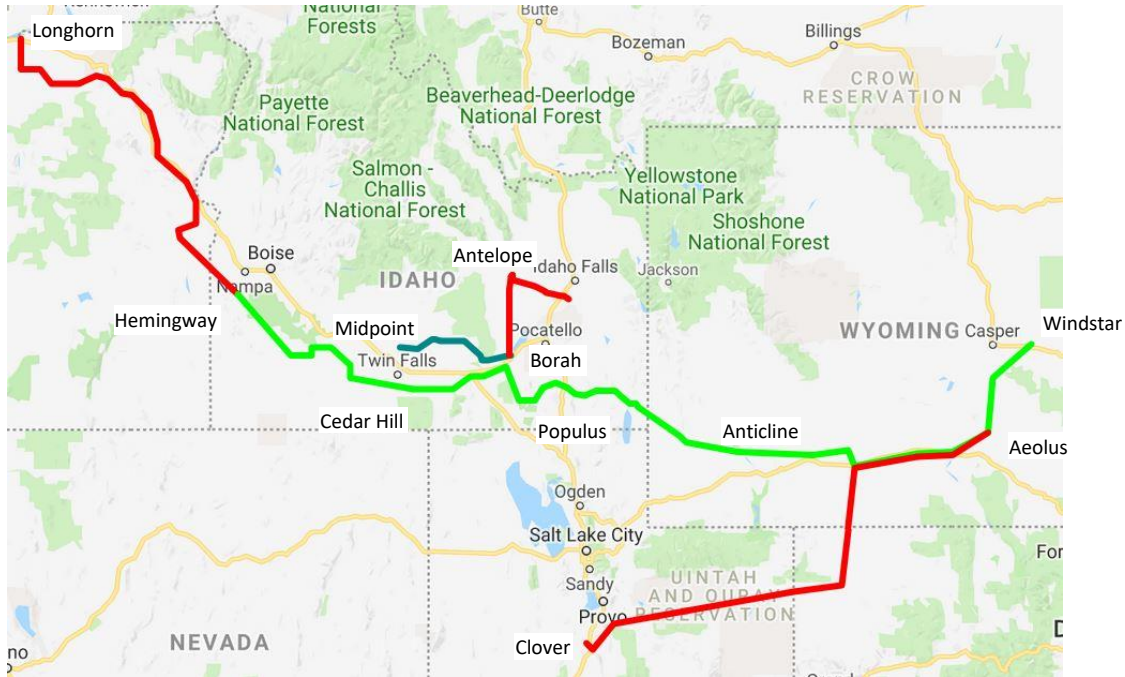


Figure 70 - dRTP Projects

## X. Lessons learned in Q1 through Q4

### A. Study Plan changes

- The Study Plan was updated to reflect that for the loss metric, only PCM results would be used in the metric analysis.

### B. Data submittals in Q1 and Q5

The data submittal form was revised to better capture the desired data. The changes include:

- It was observed that some resource retirements were not submitted. The data submittal form was updated to indicate that retirements should be provided.
- Non-transmission alternative examples were added.

## XI. Robustness sensitivity studies - Q5, Q6

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## Appendix A Public Policy Requirements

This attachment includes all Public Policy Requirements information that was available at the time the revised NTTG Biennial Study Plan was developed:

State	Legislation	Requirement or Goal
<b>California</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senate Bill 1078 (2002)</li> <li>Assembly Bill 200 (2005)</li> <li>Senate Bill 107 (2006)</li> <li>Senate Bill 2 First Extraordinary Session (2011)</li> <li>Senate Bill 350 (2015)</li> <li>Senate Bill 100 (2018)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20% by December 31, 2013</li> <li>25% by December 31, 2016</li> <li>33% by December 31, 2020</li> <li>44% by December 31, 2024</li> <li>52% by December 31, 2027</li> <li>60% by December 31, 2030 and beyond</li> </ul> Based on the retail load for a three- or four-year compliance period
<b>Idaho</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No RPS Requirement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>Montana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SB 45 2013</li> <li>SB 325 2013</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% by 2008-09</li> <li>14% by 2010-14</li> <li>15% by 2015 and Beyond</li> </ul>
<b>Oregon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senate Bill 838 Oregon Renewable Energy Act (2007)</li> <li>House Bill 3039 (2009)</li> <li>House Bill 1547-B (2016)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% by December 31, 2011</li> <li>15% by December 31, 2015</li> <li>20% by December 31, 2020</li> <li>27% by December 31, 2025</li> <li>35% by December 31, 2030</li> <li>45% by December 31, 2035</li> <li>50% by December 31, 2040</li> </ul> Based on the retail load for that year
<b>Utah</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senate Bill 202 (2008)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goal of 20% by 2025 (must be cost effective)</li> <li>Annual targets are based on the adjusted<sup>[1]</sup> retail sales for the calendar year 36 months prior to the target year</li> </ul>
<b>Washington</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiative Measure No. 937 (2006)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3% by January 1, 2012</li> <li>9% by January 1, 2016</li> <li>15% by January 1, 2020 and beyond</li> <li>Annual targets are based on the average of the utility's load for the previous two years</li> </ul>
<b>Wyoming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No RPS Requirement</li> </ul>	

<sup>[1]</sup> Adjustments for generated or purchased from qualifying zero carbon emissions and carbon capture sequestration and DSM.

## Appendix B 2028 ADS Case Resource Changes

### Resource Additions and Removals to the 2028 Anchor Data Set

Changes to the WECC 2028 ADS Case include:

- Retirements
  - Dave Johnson 1, 2, 3 and 4
  - Naughton 3 Gas Unit (converted coal unit)
  - Valmy 1 and 2
- Additions
  - Idaho Power
    - Solar – 4 Projects, 24 MW
  - Northwestern
    - Solar – 1 Project, 80 MW
    - Wind – 5 Projects, 540 MW
  - PacifiCorp – Oregon
    - Solar – 13 Projects, 118 MW
    - Wind – 6 Projects, 60 MW
  - PacifiCorp – Utah
    - Solar – 2 Projects, 106 MW
    - Wind – 1 Project, 79 MW
  - PacifiCorp – Wyoming
    - Solar – 1 Projects, 58 MW
    - Energy Vision 2020 Wind – increased from 1100 MW to 1311 MW
    - Wind – 1 Project, 320 MW

## Appendix C Path Flows

### Path Flows in a selected number of Power Flow Change Cases

NTTG Case Path Flows		Interface MW Flow											



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## **Appendix D      Public Policy Consideration Study**

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To be completed In Q5

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Version	Date	Comment	Author
<b>Version 0.5</b>	10-31-2018	Version for internal review prior to public review and comment	R Schellberg
<b>Version 1.0</b>	12-28-2018	Version for Stakeholder Review	R Schellberg

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