



NTTG Quarter 5 Regional Economic Study Request Draft Study Plan Stakeholder Comment Form

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Alternative System Configuration	2	What is the point in doing an economic study of an alternative system configuration between Aeolus and Anticline. The 500 kV configuration was the subject of an extensive CPCN proceeding before the Wyoming Public Service Commission in 2018 after which the Commission granted the requisite CPCN. Alternative configurations were vetted in that proceeding. RMP has permitted and acquired right-of-way for a 500 kV configuration. The CPCN that was granted by the WPSC would not accommodate a different configuration. In order for the new wind projects and new transmission investments to make economic sense for customers RMP must qualify for the full available PTCs which means the project must be completed by 12/31/2020. Studying a new configuration would effectively prevent RMP from achieving a 12/31/2020 in service date and deny RMP customers the projected benefits of this project. An alternative configuration likely would not benefit customers, particularly if RMP is unable to capture the full amount of PTCs available to the EV 2020 wind projects. RMP is not requesting regional cost allocation for this project and therefore the cost of the project will not affect any other regional TOP.