



September 24, 2008

John Leland, Manager  
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RE: NorthWestern Energy Sponsored Transmission Project in the Northern Tier Transmission Group Footprint

- Mountain States Transmission Intertie Project (MSTI)

Dear John:

Thank you for responding to our initial request for information on the transmission projects included in the Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) planning process. In order to keep our cost allocation assessment current, we are requesting that you submit quarterly updates on the progress of your project. These updates should include any changes to the items previously provided and any new project developments. Please submit the first such update to me **by October 15, 2008**.

We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Lou Ann Westerfield, Cost Allocation Committee Chair



**Attach:** Cost Allocation Process and Basic Information Requirements

**cc:** Cost Allocation Committee Members  
Sharon Helms, NTTG Program Manager