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***Northern Tier Transmission Group Stakeholders:***

The Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) requires that a Project Sponsor intending to submit a project into NTTG's 2018-2019 regional transmission planning process, for possible selection into NTTG's Regional Transmission Plan for regional cost allocation, must first be pre-qualified by the Planning and Cost Allocation Committees. This pre-qualification ensures that the sponsor possesses the requisite financial resources and technical expertise necessary to build and manage the project. This requirement extends to both regional and interregional projects.

The details of the pre-qualification process are summarized in this notice and may be found under the Pre-Qualify for Cost Allocation section in Attachment K of each of the NTTG Transmission Providers' respective Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). A link to the OATTs may be found by [clicking here](#).

**NTTG's 2018-2019 Project Sponsor Pre-Qualification Schedule**

Deadline	Activity
October 31, 2017	A Project Sponsor (nonincumbent and incumbent transmission developers) intending to seek cost allocation for its project must submit the project sponsor qualification data using the form on the NTTG website [ <a href="#">click here for a link to the NTTG Sponsor Qualification Data Form</a> ] and submit to <a href="mailto:info@nttg.biz">info@nttg.biz</a> by October 31, 2017.
November 2017	NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committees apply the sponsor qualification criteria to the pre-qualification data. (See Table 1 in Transmission Providers' OATT.)
5 days following the date a determination has been made regarding the sufficiency of the qualification data	NTTG provides Project Sponsor with notice of the Committees' determination, either noting the project sponsor has satisfied the requirements or noting deficiencies.
March 31, 2018	Deadline for Project Sponsors to cure any identified deficiencies
March 31, 2018	Deadline for Project Sponsors to submit <a href="#">project data</a> and for those seeking cost allocation to submit additional <a href="#">cost allocation data</a> .

Questions can be emailed to [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz).

Sincerely,

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