



On February 16, 2007, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued Order 890<sup>1</sup>, requiring transmission providers post a “strawman” proposal outlining the process for compliance with each of the planning principles adopted in the Final Rule, including a specification of the broader region in which it will conduct coordinated regional planning. Members of the Northern Tier Transmission Group<sup>2</sup> have worked in partnership with stakeholders and other interest parties in the Western Interconnect to develop the attached strawman. Key milestones incorporated to ensure coordination and public outreach are outlined below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Milestone</i>	<i>Forum</i>
March 14, 2007	Process for Straw Proposal development initiated at public stakeholder meeting	NTTG Stakeholder Meeting Portland, OR
March 15, 2007	Order 890 Final Rule posted in Federal Registry	
March 23, 2007	Kick Off meeting for sub-regional planning coordination to discuss Order 890 compliance requirements	Conference call with NTAC, NTTG and ColumbiaGrid
April 4, 2007	Marsha Smith, NTTG Co-Chair discussed NTTG efforts to comply with planning requirements of Order 890.	CREPC Meeting Denver, CO
April 6, 2007	Public meeting with NTAC, NTTG and ColumbiaGrid to discuss Order 890 compliance requirements and integration approaches	Order 890 Compliance Workshop  Portland, OR
April 10, 2007	NTTG participated in WECC’s public meeting to discuss planning process roles and relationships in Western Interconnection for: o WECC/TEPPC o Sub-regional planning groups o Individual transmission providers o Development of the components of a Western Planning Process Strawman	WECC Public Meeting Order 890 Compliance Workshop  Salt Lake City, Utah
April 16, 2007 to May 7, 2007	Open comment period for NTTG Straw Proposal	
May 23-24, 2007	Final walk-thru and review of NTTG strawman and cost allocation process  Final comments due May 24 <sup>th</sup>	NTTG Public Stakeholder Meeting  Portland, OR
May 29, 2007	NTTG Strawman posted on NTTG Website and TP OASIS	
June 13, 2007	FERC Technical Conference	Park City, Utah

<sup>1</sup> See *Preventing Undue Discrimination and Preference in Transmission Service*, Order No. 890, 118 FERC ¶61,199 (2007) at ¶¶426-602.

<sup>2</sup> NTTG Members are Deseret G&T, Idaho Power Company, Northwestern Energy, PacifiCorp and UAMPS.