



October 22, 2013

Subject: NTTG 2014-2015 Order 1000 Biennial Planning Process Notice

Northern Tier Transmission Group Members and Stakeholders,

On October 17, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) issued an order directing the Northern Tier Transmission Group (“NTTG”) Transmission Providers to implement tariff changes made in their filings to date, including the September 16, 2013 compliance filing which is not yet approved by the Commission.

The NTTG Order No. 1000 planning and cost allocation process requires that, in order to be considered as a Sponsored Project for purposes of regional cost allocation in the 2014-2015 NTTG Regional Transmission Plan, project sponsors seeking cost allocation must be pre-qualified by the Planning Committee. As a result of the October 17 FERC order and pursuant to the Transmission Providers’ respective open-access transmission tariffs (“OATT”), you are hereby notified that the NTTG pre-qualification window is open and will close on October 31, 2013. NTTG acknowledges, however, that to effect subsequent portions of the review and acceptance processes consistent with the October 17 FERC order, the timeline for submitting project qualification data has been shortened for the 2014-2015 NTTG biennial planning cycle. As a result of this shorter-than-normal timeline, NTTG will make best efforts to review and consider any Sponsor Qualification Data Forms that are submitted through November 8, 2013.

The details of the pre-qualification process are summarized in this notice and may be specifically found under the Pre-Qualify for Cost Allocation section in each of the NTTG Transmission Providers’ OATTs. A link to the OATTs may be found by [clicking here](#):

NTTG’s Order No. 1000 2014-2015 Pre-Qualification Schedule:

October 31, 2013	Project sponsor (nonincumbent and incumbent transmission developers) intending to seek cost allocation for its project must submit the sponsor qualification data using the form on the NTTG website [click here for link to Sponsor Qualification Data Form] and submit to info@nttg.biz by October 31, 2013.
November 8, 2013	NTTG will make best efforts to review and consider any Sponsor Qualification Data Forms received by November 8, 2013
November 11 thru November 19, 2013	NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committees apply the sponsor qualification criteria to the pre-qualification data.



	(See Table 1 in Transmission Providers' OATT.)
November 20, 2013	NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committees meet (open to public) to determine sufficiency of the qualification data.
November 27, 2013	NTTG provide project sponsors with notice of the Committees' determination, either noting the project sponsor has satisfied the data requirements or identifying specific deficiencies.
January 31, 2014	Deadline for project sponsors to cure any identified deficiencies

Please submit any questions on this process to info@nttg.biz.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Leland".

John Leland, NTTG Planning Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curt Winterfeld".

Curt Winterfeld, NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Chair