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To All Northern Tier Transmission Group Stakeholders:

The Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) 2017 Economic Study Request (ESR) window opens on January 1, 2017 and will remain open until midnight March 31, 2017. The ESR window provides stakeholders with the opportunity to request NTTG model the ability of specific upgrades or other investments to the Transmission System or Demand Resources, not otherwise considered in the Transmission System Plan, to reduce the overall cost of reliably serving the forecasted needs of the Transmission Provider and its Transmission Customers.

Stakeholders wanting to submit an ESR must apply for membership in the NTTG Planning Committee (if not already a member) or sign the Economic Study Agreement, attached as Exhibit A to any NTTG Transmission Providers Attachment K. Regional ESRs may be submitted to the Planning Committee using the Economic Study Request Form found on the NTTG website or by [clicking here](#) and submitting completed forms to info@nttg.biz. Additional details describing NTTG's ESR processes can be found on any Northern Tier Transmission Providers' Attachment K.

Please direct questions to info@nttg.biz

Sincerely,

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