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Northern Tier Transmission Group Committee Members and Stakeholders:

For the 2018-2019 planning cycle, the Northern Tier Transmission Group (“NTTG”) Technical Workgroup (“TWG”) utilized the WECC 2028 ADS production cost model and the GridView production cost software to examine all hours of the year 2028, with the goal of identifying those conditions where available resources and forecasted loads caused the highest stress on the NTTG transmission system. This analysis has resulted in the TWG’s recommendation of nine (9) system conditions and combinations of projects and circumstances to be evaluated this cycle when assessing the more efficient or cost-effective Regional Transmission Plan for the NTTG footprint.

NTTG is seeking stakeholder comment on these study options. The window for submitting comments is open through 5:00 pm (MPT) on Friday, August 24th, 2018. A presentation outlining the proposed stressed hours and Change Case Matrix can be found by [clicking here](#). Please use the “[NTTG 2018-2019 Stressed Conditions and Change Case Matrix Stakeholder Comment Form](#)” that is also posted on the NTTG website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#) to submit comments. All comments should be submitted via email to info@nttg.biz. Please note that to be considered for this comment period, comments must be received **by 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on August 24th, 2018.**

The Planning Committee will consider all comments and vote on the stressed conditions and combinations of projects and conditions, including any modifications resulting from stakeholder comments, during the September 12th Planning Committee.

Thanks again for your interest in NTTG. We encourage you to stay involved with the NTTG study process as we proceed through the 2018-2019 Regional Planning Cycle.

Questions can be emailed to info@nttg.biz.

Sincerely,

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