



March 5, 2020

Subject: NTTG 2020-2021 Data Submission Window Notice

Northern Tier Transmission Group Members and Stakeholders,

On a biennial basis, the Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) develops a Regional Transmission Plan (RTP) that evaluates whether transmission needs within the NTTG Footprint may be satisfied on a regional or interregional basis more efficiently or cost effectively than through local planning processes. This cycle, the NTTG transmission providers have submitted a revised NorthernGrid Attachment K to FERC requesting an effective date of April 1, 2020. However, until such FERC approval is received, the NTTG regional planning process will remain in effect.

As a result, the window for gathering data for the NTTG 2020-2021 Regional Transmission Planning process opened on January 1, 2020 and remains open **through midnight March 31st**. A summary of the data submittal requirements and opportunities are described below:

- 1) Data supporting the NTTG footprint transmission needs and associated facilities (e.g. loads and resources) for the ten-year planning horizon. These submissions should be for network or firm service requirements.
- 2) Project specific data for sponsored or unsponsored regional or Interregional Transmission Projects to be considered in the RTP.
- 3) Data supporting transmission needs driven by Public Policy Requirements, Public Policy Considerations, and/or alternate solutions to the identified needs set out in the Local Transmission Providers Local Transmission System Plan and the NTTG 2020-2021 Regional Transmission Plan.
- 4) In addition to the above, Merchant Transmission Developers may submit project data to inform the RTP.

All project proposals and submissions for the above are due by March 31, 2020 using the [NTTG Data Submittal Form](#), which is an Excel workbook available on the Northern Tier website by [clicking here](#). In order to assist the anticipated transition to NorthernGrid, the NTTG Data Submittal Form has been modified to make the data required by NorthernGrid and NTTG as consistent as possible. Upon FERC acceptance, any data collected as part of the Northern Tier planning process will be transferred to NorthernGrid and used in the new NorthernGrid planning process.

Please note that the March 31, 2020 deadline for proposing a project for consideration in the RTP applies to both regional and Interregional Transmission Projects. A proponent of an Interregional Transmission Project that wishes to have its project considered for joint evaluation coordination must submit its project to each Relevant Planning Region no later than March 31, 2020 and in accordance with the project submittal requirements of each Planning Region. Information providing guidance on the project submittal process for each of the four western planning regions is available on the NTTG website by [clicking here](#).

Finally, for a project to be considered for regional or interregional cost allocation in the NTTG RTP process, an Applicant must first have submitted appropriate sponsor prequalification information during the prequalification window (i.e., October 2017) and pre-qualified Project Sponsors must submit project data using the [NTTG Data Submittal Form](#) and provide additional required information using the [Cost Allocation Data Form](#). Both the Data Submittal and Cost Allocation Data Forms are due to info@nttg.biz by March 31, 2020.

Please submit any questions on this process to info@nttg.biz. NTTG appreciates your participation in our planning process.

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