



October 7, 2019

Northern Tier Transmission Group Stakeholders:

The Northern Tier Transmission Group’s (NTTG’s) Attachment K requires that a Project Sponsor intending to submit a project into NTTG’s regional transmission planning process, for possible selection into NTTG’s Regional Transmission Plan for regional cost allocation, must first be pre-qualified by the Planning and Cost Allocation Committees. Project Sponsors must requalify to be considered a qualified Project Sponsor. This pre-qualification ensures that the sponsor possesses the requisite financial resources and technical expertise necessary to build and manage the project. This requirement extends to both regional and interregional projects.

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

However, please note that a subset of NTTG (Idaho Power, MATL, Northwestern Energy, PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric) and ColumbiaGrid are forming a single transmission planning region, NorthernGrid, and have filed revised Attachment K’s with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), with a requested effective date of January 1, 2020. Pending FERC action, the NorthernGrid processes will replace NTTG’s and any project sponsor qualification information received will be transferred. However, NTTG’s data requirements are not the same as the information required by NorthernGrid and the new organization may require additional information by the end of the NorthernGrid submittal window of March 31, 2020.

NTTG’s 2020-2021 Project Sponsor Pre-Qualification Schedule

Deadline	Activity
October 31, 2019	A Project Sponsor (nonincumbent and incumbent transmission developers) intending to seek cost allocation for its project must submit the project sponsor qualification data using the form on the NTTG website [click here for a link to the NTTG Sponsor Qualification Data Form] and submit to info@nttg.biz by October 31, 2019.
November 2019	NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committees apply the sponsor qualification criteria to the pre-qualification data. (See Table 1 in Transmission Providers’ OATT.)

Deadline	Activity
5 days following the date a determination has been made regarding the sufficiency of the qualification data	NTTG provides Project Sponsor with notice of the Committees' determination, either noting the project sponsor has satisfied the requirements or noting deficiencies.

Questions can be emailed to info@nttg.biz.

Sincerely,

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