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To All Northern Tier Transmission Group Stakeholders:

The Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) 2018 Regional Economic Study Request (ESR) window opened on January 1, 2018 and remains open until midnight March 31, 2018. The Regional ESR window provides stakeholders with the opportunity to request NTTG to 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 NTTG Footprint.

Stakeholders wanting to submit a Regional 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@nttg.biz)

Sincerely,

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