



The following letter and 2016-2017 NTTG Regional Transmission Plan were broadly distributed to federal, state and other regulatory agencies and planning entities.

January 09, 2018

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Dear [Recipient]:

We're pleased to provide you with the Northern Tier Transmission Group's (NTTG) 2016-2017 Regional Transmission Plan, adopted by the NTTG Steering Committee on December 14, 2017. The plan proposes a way to meet the transmission needs of the NTTG region in the year 2026.

The 30-page report shows how NTTG arrived at a plan to reliably transmit electricity in a more efficient or cost-effective manner than an Initial Regional Plan comprising the individual Funding Transmission Providers' local transmission plans. The plan culminates a two-year process of identifying transmission requirements, conducting reliability analysis and evaluation of the Initial Regional Plan and Alternative Projects, including interregional transmission projects, to arrive at a final Regional Transmission Plan (RTP).

In the end, we found that the Initial Regional Plan with the addition of Boardman to Hemingway, Gateway South, portions of Gateway West, and the Antelope projects produced a more efficient or cost-effective RTP than the Initial Regional Plan.

NTTG conducted an open, transparent, public process to develop the plan. The process included numerous public stakeholder meetings to solicit input. In addition, the planning process included coordination with neighboring regional transmission planning groups.

The Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) was formed in 2007 to promote effective planning and use of the multi-state electric transmission system within its footprint. Its members include five state regulatory commissions, as well as the Montana Consumer Counsel, the Utah Office of Consumer Services and the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocates. Its seven participating utility members¹ own and operate more than 29,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines spanning the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions and collectively serve more than 4 million customers across much of Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Oregon, and parts of Washington and California.

Copies of this report, along with other public documents, are available on the NTTG website at www.nttg.biz.

¹ Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Idaho Power Company, MATL, LLP, NorthWestern Corporation, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric and the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems. PacifiCorp also provides service to customers in Washington and California

We hope this RTP will prove useful in any further public planning processes involving the regional transmission system. Should you need more information on the NTTG RTP, please contact Sharon Helms, NTTG Project Manager, at Sharon.Helms@Comprehensivepower.org or (503) 644-6262.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Kavulla".

Travis Kavulla
NTTG Steering Committee, State Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Fritz".

Brian Fritz
NTTG Steering Committee, Utility Co-Chair