

January 9, 2013

NTTG Stakeholders and Members,

Northern Tier’s planning process has been designed to ensure ample opportunity for public participation. This letter, sent on behalf of the NTTG Planning Committee, is requesting your direct participation in, and contribution of pertinent information essential to, the continued development of NTTG’s 2012-2013 Transmission Plan.

Information you provide, either through submittal or direct participation in the process, will be considered in modifying needs and assumptions required to develop a meaningful transmission plan for the NTTG. To determine these needs, we are requesting submittal of additional information about new or changed circumstances relating to loads, resources, transmission projects or alternative solutions to be evaluated as part of the draft transmission. If your information might be reported by another entity or Balancing Authority, please indicate such so we can avoid double counting information.

Recognizing that load and resource needs outside of the footprint may also impact the NTTG plan, the Planning Committee will also consider and evaluate any proposed load, resources transmission projects, and alternatives including demand response or modifications of other proposals that are internal to, originating or terminating within, or impacting the NTTG footprint. Therefore, submittal of this data is also encouraged.

The NTTG Planning Committee will consider the data, and coordinate this information directly with other sub-regional planning groups.

An Excel workbook containing forms for submitting data and a map on which to indicate locations is available on the Northern Tier website or can be access by [clicking here](http://nttg.biz/site/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=1604&Itemid=31). Completed forms, maps and any additional information should be returned to info@nttg.biz.

All information supplied to the Planning Committee or subcommittees must be marked by the provider in accordance with the appropriate CEII document class (<http://www.ferc.gov/legal/ceii-foia/ceii/classes.asp>) and will be treated appropriately by all committee and subcommittee members. The markings should be as follows:

1. None or "Public".
2. Contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information - Do Not Release.
3. Contains Privileged Information - Do Not Release.

Additionally, all information will be subject to Standard of Conduct provisions, meaning non-public transmission information will not be shared unless/until it has been posted on the Provider’s OASIS.

Please submit your information as early as possible, but no later than the midnight, March 31, 2013. This will enable compilation of the data for review by all stakeholders at the public webinar scheduled for April 10, 2013.

We look forward to working with you. If there are other stakeholders who could contribute to the success of the process, please forward this information to them as well.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you to finalize the 2012-2013 NTTG Biennial Transmission Plan.



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NTTG Planning Committee Chair

cc: Dave Angell, NTTG Planning Committee Vice-Chair
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