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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Power Committee

**FROM:** Wally Gibson

**SUBJECT:** Northern Tier Transmission Group Presentation to Power Committee

Chuck Durick from Idaho Power Company will make a presentation on the current activities of the Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG or Northern Tier) at the Power Committee meeting. Northern Tier is made up of the some of the former east side participants in the Grid West effort: Idaho Power, Northwestern Energy, PacifiCorp, Deseret Power Electric Cooperative and Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (the latter two in Utah).

Northern Tier is currently focusing on three programs:

- Transmission planning and coordination for reliability and economic expansion projects in the NTTG footprint, working within the overall WECC planning framework and consistent with the requirements of FERC's recently issued Order 890;
- Initial steps to coordinate the calculation and posting of Available Transmission Capability (ATC) to enhance the transparency and consistency of this calculation (also required by Order 890) and the efficiency of use of the existing transmission system, and
- Sharing Balancing Authority (Control Area) regulation requirements, with the aims of minimizing generator output level adjustments and enhancing the ability to incorporate intermittent resources into the resource mix. This initiative is called ACE Diversity Interchange (ADI).

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