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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Power Committee Members

**FROM:** Ben Kujala

**SUBJECT:** Northern Tier Transmission Group Filing with FERC on Cost Allocation for

Transmission

Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) recently filed with FERC a report on allocation of the cost for transmission expansion using production cost modeling. The report states:

"The strong consensus of the cost allocation and PCM work groups was that the results of the study in the current modeling framework do not provide sufficient accuracy to be used at this time in the development of benefit metrics for the allocation of transmission project costs."

Council staff, in response to a request from the Committee Chair, has invited NTTG to discuss this filing. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, a representative from NTTG will discuss the results of this report and answer Power Committee member questions.

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