

ATTACHMENT K [EXCERPT]

PART IV

NORTHERNGRID MEMBER PLANNING PROCESS

Transmission Provider is Member in the NorthernGrid Member Region and participates in regional planning as a party to the NorthernGrid Planning Agreement. The NorthernGrid Planning Agreement, as it may be amended or revised from time to time by the NorthernGrid Members, is posted on the NorthernGrid Website at the following link: www.northerngrid.net.

NorthernGrid is an unincorporated association of its Members formed for the purpose of coordinating regional transmission planning for the NorthernGrid Members. The NorthernGrid Member Region is the product of extensive collaboration and negotiation among the NorthernGrid Members. The NorthernGrid Planning Agreement provides a coordinated, open, and transparent process to be used to perform regional transmission planning in the NorthernGrid Member Region in order to provide a single forum to review and analyze, in parallel, the transmission needs of both FERC-jurisdictional utilities and non-jurisdictional utilities. Exhibit A to the NorthernGrid Planning Agreement describes the NorthernGrid Member Planning Process, including the development of the NorthernGrid Regional Transmission Plan, and Exhibit C to the NorthernGrid Planning Agreement includes the NorthernGrid Member Planning Committee Charter. The regional transmission planning process occurs over a two-year planning cycle beginning on January 1, 2020, and each even numbered year thereafter.

The NorthernGrid Member Planning Agreement is subject to change through external coordination and negotiation among the NorthernGrid Members. Amendments to the NorthernGrid Member Planning Process may be implemented prior to the adoption of the tariff revisions through a Terms and Conditions proceeding. Transmission Provider expects to align any future amendments to the NorthernGrid Member Planning Process among all of the NorthernGrid Members. To the extent feasible, Transmission Provider will provide notice and opportunity for stakeholder input regarding potential planning process changes prior to agreeing to amendments.