



## Steering Committee Guidance – April 27, 2018

### Commercial Policy Subcommittee:

- It is not the prerogative of one state to suggest how another state determines its RPS policies and requirements. It would be better to suggest that RPS requirements should not unjustifiably favor in-state over out-of-state resources.
- For the Montana Intertie, a pre-rate case workshop should be sponsored by BPA. Any modifications to this rate or rate design should be determined by the Administrator following established public processes rather than this Project.
- As transmission rate and tariff changes are considered, the alternatives including their analysis against economic principles should be documented.
- The tariff and business practice alternatives should also describe how ATC would be calculated and posted for each alternative.
- For recommendations that are adopted, a graphic flowchart showing the processes that would be undertaken should be included in the final report.

### Planning Subcommittee:

- As the Colstrip resource mix changes, the Acceleration Trend Relays (ATR) will need to be updated or replaced. ATR replacement should be performed by a consultant/manufacturer. Time is needed to engineer the replacement, but expertise to do this is available.
- The proposed study scope to assess the transmission system with retirement of Colstrip Units 3 and 4 provides a good starting point to inform how to perform the analysis. It is not timely to pursue implementation of the study now as the retirement of Units 3 and 4 is highly uncertain. Previous studies provide good guidance as to the system capabilities with the different Colstrip retirement scenarios, and indicate that even if all units are retired, needed changes to the system are likely to be manageable and that, from a technical standpoint, the Colstrip Transmission System could be repurposed. The study scope should be augmented with the WECC study process steps covering the unexpected loss of all Colstrip Units and the whole scope preserved for implementation when the time is right.