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In Reply Refer To:
Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc.
Docket No. ER09-1700-000

Idaho Power Company
Docket No. ER09-1701-000

NorthWestern Corporation
Docket No. ER09-1702-000

PacifiCorp
Docket No. ER09-1703-000

Portland General Electric Company
Docket No. ER09-1704-000

Black Hills Power, Inc.
Docket No. ER09-1705-000

Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc.
10714 South Jordan Gateway
South Jordan, UT 84095

Attention: James Tucker, Director of Transmission Service

Reference: Northern Tier Transmission Group Tariff Revisions

Dear Mr. Tucker:

1. On September 14, 2009, Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc. (Deseret), Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power), NorthWestern Corporation (NorthWestern), PacifiCorp, and Portland General Electric Company (Portland) (collectively, Applicants) submitted proposed tariff revisions to be effective on November 13, 2009, which include a simplified version of the Northern Tier

Transmission Group (NTTG)¹ Planning Agreement within each of the Applicants respective Open Access Transmission Tariffs, i.e., permitting membership to become effective upon signing by a prospective member and to remove the \$500 annual fee assessment to signatories of the Planning Agreement. Applicants and Black Hills Power, Inc. (Black Hills)² also submitted notices of cancellation to terminate the rate schedules which currently contain the NTTG Planning Agreement effective November 13, 2009.³

2. Applicants state that the proposed revisions in the instant proceeding are subject to the Commission's acceptance of the proposed revisions submitted in the September 14, 2009 joint compliance filing.⁴

3. Notice of the filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 74 Fed. Reg. 48253, with protests and interventions due on or before October 5, 2009. None was filed.

4. The Applicants proposed tariff revisions are conditionally accepted for filing effective November 13, 2009, subject to the outcome of the pending proceeding in Docket Nos. OA08-23-000, OA08-28-000, OA08-31-000, OA08-40-000, and OA08-45-000. The Black Hills proposed tariff revisions are accepted for filing effective November 13, 2009, as requested.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

¹ NTTG is a sub-regional planning group that coordinates transmission planning for multiple local transmission providers that are located in the Pacific Northwest.

² Black Hills is a member of the NTTG Planning Committee but it is not a funding member of NTTG, and it did not propose to revise its Attachment K to include the NTTG Planning Agreement.

³ Deseret's Rate Schedule No. 23, Idaho Power's Rate Schedule No. 150, NorthWestern's Rate Schedule No. 251, PacifiCorp's Rate Schedule No. 610, Portland's Rate Schedule No. 16, and Black Hills' Rate Schedule No. 35.

⁴ See Docket Nos. OA08-23-002, OA08-28-003, OA08-31-003, OA08-40-002, and OA08-45-003 (filed on September 14, 2009).