



#### Steps undertaken to consider the 2024 Economic Study Request (ESR)

1. The 2024 ESR window opened January 1, 2024 and closed March 31, 2024.
2. NorthernGrid received one [ESR](#) from North Plains Connector, LLC.
3. The ESR was evaluated by a team including individuals from the Member Planning Committee and Enrolled Parties and States Committee and collectively, they determined that the submitted ESR “could result in:
  - a. a net reduction in total production cost to supply system load;
  - b. reduced congestion; or
  - c. the integration of new resources an/or loads on an aggregate or regional basis (a “Regional Economic Study”).”
4. The high-level cost estimate for the analysis is \$20k.
5. After consideration of the factors included herein, the Enrolled Parties Member Planning Committee unanimously elected to analyze the submitted ESR.