

**Joint Decision 2016-3
of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan (the “Parties”)
Pursuant to Article 21(3) of the
New West Partnership Trade Agreement**

Introduction

1. Article 21(3) of the *New West Partnership Trade Agreement* (“**NWPTA**”) allows the Parties to issue a joint decision at any time relating to the interpretation of the NWPTA. Any such joint decision is binding on panels and any subsequent decision or award by a panel issued under NWPTA Part IV must be consistent with any such preceding joint decision. The Parties intend the following to be a joint decision under Article 21(3) concerning the application of the NWPTA to certain measures relating to electricity transmission services.

Application of NWPTA to Certain Measures Relating to Electricity Transmission

2. The NWPTA does not apply to measures relating to electricity transmission services that are adopted or maintained pursuant to an agreement between a Party (or one of its government entities) and a U.S. Regional Transmission Organization or a U.S. Independent System Operator that provides for the coordinated operation of their interconnected transmission facilities.

APPROVAL OF JOINT DECISION

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Decision.

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade
Government of British Columbia**

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade
Government of Alberta**

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Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of the Economy
Government of Saskatchewan**