



PRESS RELEASE

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The Organization of MISO States (OMS) Board of Directors has initiated a process to survey load serving entities across the MISO footprint on the current state of distributed energy resources (DER) in their territory and future expectations. The survey is part of the ongoing OMS DER priority established in June of 2017. Collection of this data will provide a foundation for understanding the structure, scope and pace of DER development in MISO. The information gathered in the survey will be valuable to state and local regulators in evaluating policy options related to the interface between the distribution and transmission systems resulting from greater DER deployment.

“The OMS Board has made DER a priority because of the inherent jurisdictional overlap raised by future integration of DER connected to the distribution system into transmission-level planning, operations, and energy markets” explained OMS Board President Ted Thomas, Chair of the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

Chair Daniel Hall of the Missouri Public Service Commission and OMS Vice President added “In a multi-state region, it’s critical that cooperation among states and their utilities occurs to provide the necessary visibility to DER deployment that enables the continued efficient and reliable operation of the bulk electric system.”

OMS members plan to complete the survey by March 30th to begin evaluation.

The Organization of MISO States is a not-for-profit, self-governing organization of representatives from each regulatory body with retail jurisdiction over entities participating in MISO and serves as the regional state committee. The purpose of the OMS is to coordinate regulatory oversight among its members, to make recommendations to MISO, the MISO Board of Directors, the Commission, and other relevant government entities and state commissions as appropriate, and to intervene in proceedings before the Commission to express the positions of the OMS member agencies.

More information on the OMS DER priority can be found at:

http://misostates.org/images/PositionStatements/OMS_DER_Overview_and_Work_Plan_Document.pdf.

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