

Long Term Focus Areas

1. Lead in the development and implementation of policy issues in the Midcontinent ISO (MISO) region to protect the public interest, enhance transparency and competitive regional markets, and ensure that costs to customers are reasonable.
2. Support OMS member engagement in MISO-related issues through education, collaboration, and communication.
3. Preserve retail jurisdiction from attempts to alter the balance of local, regional, and federal authority.

2020 Strategic Priorities (Board Member Liaison)

Distributed Energy Resources (Commissioner Matt Schuerger)

- Engage in the development of MISO DER-related policies, market rules, and planning processes, in coordination with stakeholders. Partner with MISO on ongoing stakeholder workshops.
- Identify areas of jurisdictional overlap and areas of sole state jurisdiction. Coordinate across the transmission and distribution system interface to ensure efficient and reliable participation of DERs in wholesale and retail markets.
- Work with MISO and stakeholders on any necessary market design improvements. Monitor the integrity of wholesale markets as they integrate evolving technologies, and as the MISO Market System Enhancement is implemented.
- Support states' implementation of the newly revised IEEE 1547 standard for the interconnection of resources to the distribution system and provide visibility to all members on development of MISO's related Bulk Power System recommendations.
- Continue to improve and formalize the OMS DER Survey Process.

Seams (Chair Ted Thomas)

- Actively participate in the ongoing OMS/SPP-RSC Initiative to achieve the Committee's goals of improved coordination and cost efficiencies. Understand the viewpoints of SPP Commissioners related to seams issues and communicate the views of OMS members. Make recommendations to MISO and SPP on potential improvements that are identified.
- Advocate for beneficial seams changes through active engagement with MISO and at FERC.

Transmission Planning (Commissioner Dan Scripps)

- Support regional, coordinated, long-range transmission planning and provide a leadership role in its development, consistent with the OMS long-range transmission planning principles.
- Engage on the development of scope, key assumptions, and methodology for assessment of regional, coordinated, long-range transmission needs.
- Ensure future uncertainty is properly captured by including state perspectives and appropriate benefit analysis during business case development.
- Study and become more informed on where energy storage fits within the transmission planning process and its connection to resource adequacy, distribution system planning, and grid reliability.
- Identify near-term tasks required for future action related to transmission planning improvements.
- Engage on the scope, key assumptions, methodology and all other relevant elements in the development of the annual MISO Transmission Expansion Plan (MTEP).

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ROE (Commissioner Richard Lozier)

- Continue to advance the OMS position on appropriate, right-sized, non-duplicative transmission incentives. Participate in future FERC proceedings as needed. Coordinate with other Regional State Committees as appropriate.
- Evaluate and respond if appropriate, to any final FERC methodology for establishing base ROE.
- Develop internal expertise in this area through educational events for OMS commissioners and state commission staff members.

Resource Adequacy and Energy Markets (Commissioner Sarah Freeman)

- Monitor resource adequacy implications of solutions proposed through the Resource Availability and Need (RAN) Initiative.
- Coordinate demand-side resource interactions between retail and wholesale tariffs.
- Ensure the generator interconnection process is not acting as a barrier to maintaining resource adequacy.
- Facilitate continued improvement of the OMS-MISO Resource Adequacy Survey.