2021 Strategic Priorities

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

2021 Strategic Priorities (Board Member Liaison)

Cost Allocation (Commissioner Sarah Freeman)
- Develop cost allocation principles for MISO LRTP projects
- Provide leadership in MISO stakeholder process and ensure state and local regulator voices are central in discussions
- Propose tariff modifications identified as necessary and consistent with OMS LRTP cost allocation principles, and advocate for their inclusion in the MISO tariff during any broader discussions with the MISO stakeholder community

Transmission Planning (Commissioner Dan Scripps)
- Provide leadership in communicating state and utility resource and policy preferences to MISO and stakeholders to ensure accurate consideration in planning processes consistent with the OMS long-range transmission planning principles
- Engage on the development, key assumptions, and methodology for business case assessment for projects identified in MISO Long Range Transmission Planning Process
- Ensure future uncertainty is properly captured by including state perspectives and appropriate benefit analyses
- Ensure all elements in the development of the annual MISO Transmission Expansion Plan (MTEP) continue to provide optimal solutions and good value for ratepayers

Seams (Chairman Ryan Silvey)
- Monitor progress on SLC recommendations made to MISO and SPP and advocate for any recommended changes through the MISO stakeholder process
- Participate in joint seams planning process and coordinate with the SPP RSC on any cost allocation discussions that may be necessary
- Ensure long-range planning efforts consider interregional needs
- Track Freeze Date Proposal development as it heads towards a Q2 2021 filing. Identify opportunities for OMS involvement as feedback and cost analysis of the Firm Flow Entitlement and Limit (FFE/FFL) components are considered.

Resource Adequacy and Energy Markets (Commissioner Matt Schuerger)
- Monitor resource adequacy implications of solutions proposed through the Resource Availability and Need (RAN) Initiative
- Ensure market pricing changes are appropriately accounted for in resource availability
- Ensure potential new reliability requirements align with state and local planning processes and retail tariffs
- Evaluate and improve the OMS-MISO Resource Adequacy Survey
- Advance resource accreditation practices that properly value resource attributes while providing
accurate accounting for performance risk

**Distributed Energy Resources** (Chairman Carrie Zalewski)
- Lead MISO stakeholder process for Order 2222 implementation as appropriate
- Develop coordination framework that ensures retail programs, state interconnection, and utility requirements are understood and accounted for in market rules and planning processes
- Identify areas where Order 2222 compliance could lead to future jurisdictional disputes and proactively clarify any ambiguity where possible
- Coordinate with MISO and stakeholders across the transmission and distribution system interface to ensure efficient and reliable participation of DERs in wholesale and retail markets
- Support states’ implementation of the newly revised IEEE 1547 standard for the interconnection of resources to the distribution system
- Continue to improve and formalize the DER data collection processes, consistent with appropriate cybersecurity data privacy protections