

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 the transparency and competitiveness of its 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 current balance of local, regional, and federal authority and evaluate opportunities to better define the jurisdictional spheres when it would benefit electric customers

2022 Strategic Priorities (Board Member Liaison)

Cost Allocation (Commissioner Joe Sullivan)

- Provide leadership in MISO stakeholder processes and ensure state and local regulator voices are central in discussions
- Continue to work on an alternative methodology for LRTP cost allocation for future tranches. Propose tariff modifications identified as necessary and consistent with OMS LRTP cost allocation principles, and advocate for their inclusion in the MISO tariff
- Ensure regional cost allocation priorities and changes are coordinated with the OMS Seams Liaison to ensure compatibility between this priority and the seams strategic priority so that regional cost allocation methods complement interregional cost allocation methods and leverage cost allocation methods developed through the JTIQ study process
- Coordinate with the OMS Transmission Planning Liaison to enhance engagement at FERC in any dockets and FERC process stemming from the transmission planning ANOPR

Transmission Planning (Chair Dan Scripps)

- Provide leadership in communicating state and utility resource and policy preferences to MISO and stakeholders to ensure accurate consideration of the OMS long-range transmission planning principles in planning processes
- Engage on the development, key assumptions, and methodology for business case assessment for projects identified in MISO Long Range Transmission Planning Process
- Ensure transmission planning processes properly capture future uncertainty 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
- Leverage technical expertise from member staff and LRTP Consultant to better understand MISO's modeling and project selection
- Evaluate the need for specific transparency reforms to transmission planning processes and cost recovery mechanisms

Seams (Chair Ryan Silvey)

- Monitor progress on SLC recommendations and advocate for any recommended changes through the MISO stakeholder process
- Participate in joint seams planning process and, in consultation with the OMS Cost Allocation Liaison, coordinate with the SPP RSC to provide leadership on the development of any cost allocation mechanisms that may be necessary
- Ensure long-range planning efforts consider interregional needs and evaluate how these efforts connect with the FERC transmission planning ANOPR
- Gather member perspectives on the value of interregional planning and advocate for these perspectives when appropriate

Resource Adequacy and Energy Markets (Chair Julie Fedorchak)

- Monitor resource adequacy implications from the 2021 Resource Availability and Need (RAN) filing and support members with information regarding necessary changes to state and local planning processes or retail tariffs
- Advance resource accreditation practices that properly value resource attributes while providing accurate accounting for performance risk
- Consider updates to the OMS Resource Adequacy principles from 2010, including consideration of non-thermal resource accreditation and future thermal resource accreditation revisions
- Ensure market pricing changes incentivize resource availability
- Ensure any modifications to reliability requirements align with state and local planning processes and retail tariffs and consider inclusion RA risk metrics that more accurately identify risk
- Update the OMS-MISO Resource Adequacy Survey to reflect RA construct changes
- Work with MISO to ensure its Regional Resource Assessment provides information useful to retail regulators

Distributed Energy Resources (Chair Carrie Zalewski)

- Lead MISO stakeholder process for Order 2222 implementation, providing input during associated Business Practice Manual development and engaging in the FERC compliance filing process
- Ensure MISO-DERA coordination framework properly considers retail programs, state interconnection processes, and utility requirements
- 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
- Share and pursue education opportunities regarding proactive planning methods, potential state actions, and methods for oversight of Order 2222 resulting distribution company actions.
- Support states' implementation of the newly revised IEEE 1547 standard
- Continue to improve and formalize the DER data collection processes and data needs of MISO consistent with O2222 and appropriate cybersecurity and data privacy protections
- Focus on the many impacts from greater levels of energy storage on both the distribution and transmission systems and coordinate with other priority areas as Order 841 implementation becomes effective

OMS Effectiveness (Commissioner Sarah Freeman)

- Conduct review of OMS liaison process to determine best practices and continue to formalize these roles
- Review OMS resources to ensure resources are being used effectively and members are receiving expected level of benefits
- Review how OMS members utilize MISO resources to advance our strategic priorities and share best practices