OMS-MISO Joint DER Priorities
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OMS and MISO have continued to work on the joint priorities that were approved in November 2018. The original priorities were established to prepare for the future of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) in the MISO footprint and outlined a set of tasks through Q2 2020.

This memo describes a revised set of joint priorities that outlines how OMS and MISO will continue to work together moving forward within the stakeholder community. The tasks described here require broad stakeholder engagement and may be modified as this engagement continues. The process must be transparent, and the communication robust.

OMS has once again identified DER as a strategic priority for 2020 and looks forward to continued collaboration with stakeholders at both the state and MISO level. State regulators will continue to shape the integration of DERs into the system in a way that maintains the integrity and reliability of the distribution system and associated rates, rules, and customer protections. Collectively, OMS and MISO will:

1. Collaborate through stakeholder processes to develop DER-related policies, market rules, and planning processes through continuation of DER-stakeholder workshops in 2020-2021.

2. Coordinate across the transmission and distribution system interface to ensure efficient and reliable participation of DERs in wholesale and retail markets. Proactively evaluate the interface of DERs in planning, modeling, markets, and operations. Continue information exchange from states to MISO and vice versa. States will continue to share how state policies are shaping DER deployment and distribution system evolution within the region. MISO will continue to share a regional view on how the bulk system and wholesale markets are supportive of those choices, and potentially impacted by them.

3. Work together and with stakeholders on any market design improvements proposed via the stakeholder process or initiated by FERC. Monitor the integrity of wholesale markets as they integrate evolving technologies, and as the Market System Enhancement is planned for. Encourage exchange across relevant MISO stakeholder entities to ensure cohesion.