

OMS Position Statement  
Stakeholder Identification

The OMS Board of Directors supports openness and transparency in the MISO stakeholder process. To foster openness and transparency, the MISO Stakeholder Governance Guide should be amended to add language that defines a set of expectations for stakeholder identification in the stakeholder process. These revisions should include details addressing how consultants identify who they represent when participating in any MISO meeting or process. When consultants fail to disclose this information, it puts other stakeholders and the entire stakeholder process at an informational disadvantage and does not foster a fair and level playing field.

In a similar vein, OMS Member Commissioners, when participating in the MISO stakeholder process, are cognizant of the need to identify whether they are representing their own personal position, the position of their commission, or the position of the OMS. Doing this allows other stakeholders to better understand their statements and give them the proper weight. All stakeholders should follow this full information model. Some consultants currently do effectively communicate their affiliation(s) during a wide range of stakeholder proceedings, and the OMS believes that applying a consistent rule requiring all consultants to identify their clients would not be unnecessarily burdensome.

Therefore, the OMS encourages the MISO stakeholder community to support this change.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Mississippi Public Service Commission abstained. The Manitoba Public Utilities Board and the Montana Public Service Commission did not participate.