

PAC: MISO Futures (20200311)
OMS Feedback

The OMS appreciates this opportunity to provide feedback to the PAC on the MTEP21 Futures definitions as they represent a critical component of Long Range Transmission Planning, which the organization broadly supports.

With respect to the three futures proposed in the latest MISO strawman, the OMS generally supports having the three futures to serve as bookends, but requests additional support for the assumptions related to electrification and load growth. Many members believe the current electrification assumptions are not adequately supported and may need to be revised downward to provide a more realistic set of bookends. The OMS is also interested in greater visibility into the regional differences assumed within these futures. The OMS looks forward to receiving this additional information and MISO completing this effort in time to meet the December, 2021 approval date for the MTEP 21 cycle.

In addition, several members of OMS would appreciate a pause in the process of developing new futures for MTEP21 to allow for additional time to assess the economic impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Those members support continuing to use the existing MTEP19 futures in the planning process for MTEP21, delaying new futures until the next planning cycle and considering a potential low economic growth bookend.