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Grid Deployment Office
United States Department of Energy
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To whom it may concern,

The Organization of MISO States (OMS) appreciates the opportunity to submit this letter of support to the US Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office in support of the Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue (JTIQ) Grid Resilience and Innovative Partnerships (GRIP) application.

The JTIQ project portfolio represents an innovative transmission planning and cost allocation solution to a challenge that state regulators have identified as a key priority for the collective MISO and SPP region. Through a joint committee of state regulators known as the Seams Liaison Committee, the regulators in the MISO and SPP regions defined goals of improving consideration of beneficial regional and interregional projects and supporting the timely interconnection of new resources.¹ The ensuing process to develop this portfolio of projects is an example of the importance of regulatory guidance in developing innovative approaches to meeting specific needs. OMS views this application as another important step in maintaining momentum toward implementing grid infrastructure investments to improve grid reliability, resilience, and affordability in pursuit of these goals.

OMS members appreciate the efforts of the project team in developing this application as it furthers our members role of protecting the public interest and ensuring maximum benefits flow to all customers. Specifically, through this GRIP application these JTIQ transmission projects will:

- Support resource adequacy of the MISO region by reducing the likelihood of delays in bringing new generation online
- Support clean energy deployment in the combined MISO and SPP footprint in pursuit of countless state, local, and utility clean energy and carbon reduction goals
- Improve grid reliability and resilience by expanding interregional transfer capability between MISO and SPP

¹ SPP-RSC/OMS Seams Liaison Committee Goals and Guiding Principles Document, October 2018.



For the reasons laid out above, OMS fully supports this grant application and urges the Grid Deployment Office to fully fund this application. By supporting this grant application, OMS is not taking a position on the merits of any one particular project. Nothing in this letter should be considered determinative in any member regulatory proceeding.

Sincerely,

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