

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Southwest Power Pool, Inc.)	Docket Nos. ER14-1174-000
Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	EL11-34-002
Southwest Power Pool, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.)	EL14-21-000
Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.))	EL14-30-000 (consolidated)

**ANSWER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF MISO STATES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF THE MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT
SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.**

Background

On November 7, 2014, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (“MISO”) filed a Motion urging the Commission to expedite its consideration of MISO’s rehearing request filed April 11, 2014, in these dockets, which relate to power flows that may utilize facilities of the Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) and other adjoining transmission systems.

The Organization of MISO States (“OMS”) supports the Motion for Expedited Consideration. The OMS is a non-profit, self-governing organization of representatives from each state regulatory authority¹ with regulatory jurisdiction over entities participating in MISO. The OMS acts as the regional state committee for the MISO region, coordinates regulatory oversight among the states; makes recommendations to MISO, the MISO Board of Directors, and the Commission; and intervenes in proceedings before the Commission to express the positions of the OMS member agencies. The OMS intervened in these proceedings.

¹ OMS membership includes the Province of Manitoba, Canada, and the City of New Orleans.

These dockets require prompt resolution by the Commission. MISO's Motion lays out the negative impacts caused by the lack of resolution of the dispute between these two regional transmission organizations. These negative impacts include dislocations of dispatch in MISO's energy market, unnecessary costs to customers in the MISO region that cannot be cured through the Commission's refund mechanism, and uncertainty over the Commission's current views on the treatment of loop flows. A Commission decision on the pending rehearing issues would provide needed clarification and guidance that would allow the parties to more effectively use the ongoing settlement process to formulate operating practices consistent with the Commission's principles.

The OMS submits this pleading by decision of its Executive Committee under Article VII of its bylaws.² Individual OMS members reserve the right to file separate comments regarding the issues discussed in this pleading.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of November, 2014.

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² The Arkansas Public Service Commission abstained.