

## OMS Response to October Hot Topic Questions

- The Transmission Owner's Agreement delegated the role of planning for transmission in the footprint to the MISO planning staff. Supply planning remains the domain of generation owners; however, in order to effectively plan for transmission an effort to coordinate with the plans of generation owners is included in the planning process. This coordination in part depends upon the information provided by the generation owners. Likewise, the transmission owner's are involved in the development of the transmission plans. The stakeholder forums in which this coordination takes place include but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Planning Advisory Committee (PAC),
2. Planning Subcommittee (PSC)
3. Interconnection Process Task Force (IPTF)
4. Sub-Regional Planning Meetings

- (A) Are the current coordination initiatives for transmission planning sufficient or are additional efforts recommended. Please be specific as to what should be added to or subtracted from the process and why.

**OMS Response:** Some additional effort to coordinate the various and many eastern interconnection studies or the progress/results of those studies would be helpful. Such studies include EMREL, EWITS, EIPC, SMART, JCSP, RGOS etc. One suggestion would be to consider establishing a fourth MTEP appendix for overlays and other group projects under consideration to supplement the individual transmission line format used in the existing Appendices A, B and C.

- (B) Are the current coordination initiatives for generation planning sufficient or are additional efforts recommended. For example, how should the Midwest ISO take a greater role [within the confines of the current tariff] in evaluating transmission and generation tradeoffs through its transmission and module E planning efforts? Please be specific as to what should be added to or subtracted from the process and why

**OMS Response:** The current initiatives are good. The Midwest ISO staff has been exceptionally cooperative and the OMS appreciates the technical help given to individual states as well as to the OMS CARP and UMTDI groups.

- Does the stakeholder process provide appropriate venues for identification and prioritization of all planning related issues? Are there challenges to stakeholder participation in these venues? If so, how could the Midwest ISO facilitate more stakeholder involvement or provide more appropriate venues?

**OMS Response:** There may be some challenges to full stakeholder participation in the sub-regional planning meetings due to the size of the sub-regions. A possible solution might be to establish smaller subgroups to work within each sub-region. For example, consider MAPP where five sub-regional planning groups exist. These smaller MAPP sub-regions allow for more frequent meetings with more opportunity for cooperation among the utilities and brainstorming among local planning engineers that are most familiar with their local transmission system.

- Does the Midwest ISO effectively balance the three timeframes in the study process in its efforts to optimize the regional plan. (short-term primarily reliability based (0-5yr), mid-term reliability and economic (5-10yr), long-term primarily economic based (10-

20yr)). Why or why not? What specific suggestions should the Midwest ISO consider to improve that balance?

**OMS Response:** The OMS believes the three timeframes are effectively balanced.

- What steps should Midwest ISO staff take to improve the effectiveness of interregional planning efforts? Should the Midwest ISO take an increased leadership role in these types of studies? Why or why not? (Recent and current efforts include the Joint Coordinated System Plan (JCSP), the Interregional Planning Strategic Advisory Committee (IPSAC) and the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC))

**OMS Response:** The Midwest ISO should continue to participate as appropriate. However, given how rapidly the number of interregional studies is increasing, the Midwest ISO Board may want to confer with management and planning staff regarding the level of participation needed and whether sufficient staff resources exist.

- Are there factors that impede Midwest ISO planning efforts? (e.g. tariff rules, etc.)

**OMS Response:** The OMS is not aware of any tariff rules, etc. that impede Midwest ISO planning efforts.