

Introduction

The Regional State Committees of the MISO and SPP regions (OMS and SPP RSC) have established a collaborative framework to analyze issues along the RTO seams and identify potential solutions. The Commissioner-led initiative seeks to increase benefits to ratepayers of RTO participation, ensure proper interregional planning processes are in place, and support RTO efforts to improve resource interconnection. The effort is led by four Commissioners from each region known as the “Liaison Committee” with the support from the OMS and SPP RSC boards of directors.

At the request of the Liaison Committee, MISO and SPP prepared a whitepaper summarizing the history of important seams issues, their current status, and ongoing efforts to make improvements. The paper also highlighted several areas of philosophical differences and outstanding disagreement. A copy of the whitepaper can be found on the SPP RSC website at: <https://www.spp.org/organizational-groups/regional-state-committee/spp-rscoms-liaison-committee/> or the OMS website at:

http://misostates.org/images/stories/Filings/SPP_RSC_Documents/SPP-MISO-RSC-OMS-Response_SPP_MISO-FINAL-on-website-Nov13.pdf.

The Liaison Committee now seeks input from a wider group of stakeholders. Interested stakeholders are asked to provide their reaction to the whitepaper, responses to the specific questions listed below, and any additional information they believe would be helpful for the Liaison Committee to consider. Wherever possible, please try to quantify the economic impact of issues. **Please direct written responses and questions to Adam McKinnie at adam.mckinnie@psc.mo.gov by January 4th. Responses are limited to 5 pages in length.**

Questions

1. What do you believe to be the single most important/impactful seams issue and what barriers are preventing resolution?
2. How should the RTOs weigh the benefits of more efficient seams operation against focusing on maximizing intra-RTO efficiencies and operation?
3. What areas of the whitepaper do you agree and disagree with? Why?
4. Are there seams issues that you believe were left out?
5. What seams issue(s) require additional analysis and study prior to solution identification? What should the goal of such an analysis/study be and what metrics or other measurable information should it include?