

OMS Regional Planning Work Group (RPWG)

Feedback on the Market Congestion Planning Study Update

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The RPWG offers the following responses to the Planning Advisory Committee's (PAC) feedback request regarding the Market Congestion Planning Study update presented at the June 25th PAC meeting.

1. Would you support the study name change of Market Efficiency Planning Study to Market Congestion Planning Study (MCPS)?

Response: The RPWG holds no opinion on whether MISO should change the name of the Market Efficiency Planning Study to the MCPS.

2. Would you support having parallel Market Congestion Planning Study (MCPS) processes for the MTEP15 planning cycle?

Response: **YES.** The RPWG supports continued separate but parallel MCPS processes for the MISO South and MISO North/Central (MISO N/C) regions for the duration of the five-year Transition Period. MISO South and MISO North/Central (MISO N/C) have different congestion levels and patterns, different predominant transmission voltage levels, different load growth rates, and different short term goals and future prospects. Studying the two systems in separate forums will allow MISO and stakeholders to better assess each region's congestion issues and ensure that stakeholders in each region can more effectively communicate their particular needs to MISO. It will also ensure that projects located solely within one region are not justified based upon benefits generated in the other region.¹

¹ According to Attachment FF of MISO's Tariff, Baseline Reliability Projects, MEPs, or Multi-Value Projects that terminate solely within either MISO South or MISO N/C must be justified and approved based solely upon the

The Transition Period is intended to give southern stakeholders the opportunity to become familiar with MISO's planning processes and allow MISO time to better understand the integration of the two transmission systems. Upon completion of the Transition Period, consolidation of the MCPS for MISO N/C and MISO South would be appropriate.

3. What additional Future(s), beyond the two South Futures currently being evaluated, should be included in ... [the future] Southern Market Congestion Planning Study?

Response: Participants in future Southern Market Congestion Planning Studies, and those participants alone, should develop and weight the futures used in those Studies. Future Southern Market Congestion Planning Studies, however, should be limited in scope to only the MISO South region. Any proposed transmission solution that terminates in both MISO South and MISO N/C should be studied in a MISO-wide forum and utilize futures developed with input from stakeholders throughout the MISO footprint.

benefits that accrue in that particular region irrespective of any benefits, no matter how large, that might accrue to the other region.