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Seams & Interregional Transmission Work Group
MISO-SPP IPSAC: 2024/2025 CSP Draft Recommendations
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In the March 6, 2026 meeting of the MISO-SPP Interregional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee (IPSAC), MISO and SPP presented the study results and draft report for the 2024-2025 Coordinated System Plan (24/25 CSP). The study results included two draft transmission portfolio recommendations (Core Combination and Core+ Combination).

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The OMS Seams & Interregional Transmission Work Group (SWG) provides this feedback to MISO and SPP on their 24/25 CSP draft portfolio recommendations. **This feedback is from an OMS work group and does not represent a position of the OMS Board of Directors.**

Planning Inputs and Assumptions

The SWG appreciates the RTOs' diligent work on the 24/25 CSP and the optionality between the Core Combination and Core+ Combination. The success of either portfolio will be contingent, in part, on thorough documentation and understanding of all inputs and assumptions used for the development of each proposal. During SWG discussions, there was general support for the more conservative Core Combination portfolio at this stage with consideration of the Core+ Combination at later phases. However, once more information becomes available, SWG member preferences may adjust.

Proposed Benefit Metrics

The SWG understands that the RTOs generally categorize the potential benefits of these proposed projects into three buckets: Reliability, Economic, and Transfer Capability. Some SWG members assert that while it may be appropriate to include Transfer Capability as a benefit, the value of that benefit is negligible until the RTOs can demonstrate deliverability. The SWG recommends that the RTOs continue to study each portfolio's potential change to Transfer Capability for informational purposes at least and to potentially provide optionality during negotiations with SPP regarding market transactions. Given the difference of opinion among SWG members, we request that the RTOs remain open to studying Transfer Capability in subsequent CSP studies even if it is ultimately excluded or assigned no value for purposes of the 24/25 CSP business case.

Deliverability vs Transfer Capability

As noted above, some SWG members expressed concerns about whether transfer capability does or does not equate to firm deliverability, particularly from SPP into MISO South during times of need. To that end, they encouraged the RTOs to further demonstrate deliverability under realistic system conditions.

Cost Allocation

The SWG understands that the RTOs are still reviewing existing project types and methods to see if the proposed projects could qualify for a FERC-approved project type while also exploring what modifications or additional project types might be needed and the full breadth of cost-sharing needed. The SWG urges the RTOs to consult with state and local regulators regarding the cost allocation methods that may apply to these projects.