



The Organization of MISO States Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting via conference call on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 1:00pm CT

- The call-in numbers are [US Toll Free 1-800-882-3610](tel:1-800-882-3610); [Canada Toll Free 1-866-605-3851](tel:1-866-605-3851) and the conference code is [5901216](tel:5901216) for both lines. Please manually mute your line unless speaking.
- Board members who cannot attend the call should notify OMS Secretary, Chair Dan Scripps at scrippsD1@michigan.gov with a copy to Kelly at kelly@misostates.org to designate a proxy for this meeting.

Administrative Items

- Call Meeting to Order – Commissioner Matt Schuerger 1:00
- Attendance, Recognition of Proxies, Declaration of a Quorum – Chair Dan Scripps
- Approval of Minutes from the August 13, 2020 Board Meeting – Commissioner Matt Schuerger
- Treasurer's Report/OMS Budget to Actuals for August 2020 – Commissioner Arthur D'Andrea
- Report from OMS Staff – Marcus Hawkins & Ben Sloan
 - Work Groups Board Report
 - FERC Dockets List
 - Annual Meeting Update
 - Future Board Meeting Platform

Business

1. FERC Update – Patrick Clarey or Chris Miller 1:05
2. MISO Advisory Committee Update – Commissioner Julie Fedorchak 1:10
3. Planning Advisory Committee Update – Commissioner Sarah Freeman 1:15
4. Strategic Priority Liaison Updates: 1:20
 - DER – Commissioner Matt Schuerger
 - Seams – Chair Ted Thomas
 - Transmission Planning – Chair Dan Scripps
 - ROE – Commissioner Richard Lozier
 - Resource Adequacy – Commissioner Sarah Freeman
5. Action Item: OMS Comprehensive Cost Allocation Committee – Commissioner Matt Schuerger 1:25
6. Action Item: Sector Proposal on MISO AC Consolidation and Voting – Commissioner Julie Fedorchak 1:40
7. Update: 2021 Nominating Committee – Commissioner Matt Schuerger 1:45
8. Open Mic – Membership Comment Opportunity 1:50

Closed Session

9. Action Item: Answer to MEP Request for Rehearing (Docket No. ER20-1723) – Ben Sloan 1:55

Announcements

- OMS Executive Committee meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 1:00pm CT
- OMS Executive Committee meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 1:00pm CT
- OMS Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 11:00am CT

Adjourn

2:10



**ORGANIZATION OF MISO STATES, INC.
Board of Directors
Conference Call Meeting
September 10, 2020**

Draft

Open Session

Matt Schuerger, President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS), called the September 10, 2020 meeting of the OMS Board of Directors to order via conference call at approximately 1:00 pm (CT). The following board members or their proxies participated in the meeting:

Ted Thomas, Arkansas
Carrie Zalewski, Illinois
Sarah Freeman, Indiana
Richard Lozier, Iowa
Karen Wilson, proxy for Talina Mathews, Kentucky
Noel Darce, proxy for Erik Skrmetta, Louisiana
Dan Scripps, Michigan
Matt Schuerger, Minnesota
David Carr, proxy for Dane Maxwell, Mississippi
Ryan Silvey, Missouri
Tony O'Donnell, Montana
David Shaffer, proxy for Helena Moreno, New Orleans
Julie Fedorchak, North Dakota
Greg Rislov, proxy for Gary Hanson, South Dakota
Arthur D'Andrea, Texas
Becky Valcq, Wisconsin

Absent

Manitoba

The directors and proxies listed above established the necessary quorum for the meeting of at least nine directors being present.

Others present

Chris Miller – FERC

OMS staff and various staff participants from individual state commissions

Other meeting attendees

ADMINISTRATIVE

- **Approval of Minutes from the August 13, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting**
The minutes were accepted as submitted.
- **Treasurer's Report**
The August 2020 treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

BUSINESS

- **OMS Comprehensive Cost Allocation Committee**
Commissioner Matt Schuerger introduced the memo labeled Item 5 in the board packet, proposing an OMS Cost Allocation Committee. This committee would work in a parallel process with the MISO Long Range Transmission Planning process. Additional questions and concerns from Board members were addressed, highlighting the following: consistent commitment, refined title, compliance with OMS bylaws, and continuation of the OMS Transmission Cost Allocation Work Group.

The motion to approve the creation of the OMS Cost Allocation Committee and designate Commissioner Sarah Freeman as its Chair, with the edit to include "all" under membership, was approved by a unanimous voice vote. The title and governance will be further developed and refined by the Committee. The updated memo with the approved edit is attached at the end of the minutes.
- **Sector Proposal on MISO AC Consolidation and Voting**
Commissioner Julie Fedorchak reviewed the document of recommendations developed by the OMS members on the MISO Advisory Committee, labeled Item 6 in the board packet, which includes recommendations regarding consolidation, improved efficiency of the Advisory Committee, and voting for the Affiliate Member sector.

The motion to approve the recommendations was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- **2021 Nominating Committee**
Commissioner Matt Schuerger noted that the Nominating Committee will be meeting later this month to develop a proposed slate of officers for consideration at the OMS Annual Meeting. Members interested in a position were asked to reach out to any Nominating Committee member.

The open session concluded at approximately 2:05 pm (CT).

Dan Scripps, Secretary

Closed Session

Matt Schuerger, President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS), called the September 10, 2020 closed session meeting of the OMS Board of Directors to order via conference call at approximately 2:05 pm (CT). The following board members or their proxies participated in the meeting:

Ted Thomas, Arkansas
Carrie Zalewski, Illinois
Sarah Freeman, Indiana
Karen Wilson, proxy for Talina Mathews, Kentucky
Noel Darce, proxy for Erik Skrmetta, Louisiana
Dan Scripps, Michigan
Matt Schuerger, Minnesota
David Carr, proxy for Dane Maxwell, Mississippi
Adam McKinnie, proxy for Ryan Silvey, Missouri
David Shaffer, proxy for Helena Moreno, New Orleans
Julie Fedorchak, North Dakota
Greg Rislov, proxy for Gary Hanson, South Dakota
Arthur D'Andrea, Texas
Becky Valcq, Wisconsin

Absent

Iowa
Manitoba
Montana

The directors and proxies listed above established the necessary quorum for the meeting of at least nine directors being present.

Others present

OMS staff and various staff participants from individual state commissions

BUSINESS

- **Answer to MEP Request for Rehearing (Docket No. ER20-1723)**

Ben Sloan, OMS Director of Regulatory Affairs, reviewed the draft answer, labeled Item 9 in the board packet. Board members provided additional comments and concerns on whether filing comments in this docket was appropriate.

The motion to withdraw the proposed comments was approved by voice vote with Louisiana and Mississippi in opposition.

The closed session concluded at approximately 2:15 pm (CT).

Dan Scripps, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: OMS Board of Directors

FROM: Matt Schuerger, OMS President

DATE: September 3, 2020

RE: OMS Comprehensive Cost Allocation Committee Proposal

This memorandum outlines a proposal to establish the OMS Comprehensive Cost Allocation Committee and makes recommendations on membership, initial topics for education and discussion, and timing.

Summary

At the August MISO Planning Advisory Committee meeting, MISO presented an overview of their Long-Range Transmission Planning process. This process reflects many of the elements of the OMS Statement of Principles regarding Long-Range Transmission Planning adopted in June 2019 and envisions a process in which cost allocation and planning run on parallel tracks once initial inputs are in place. Based on these recent developments and the ongoing work of the OMS Board representatives following these subjects, this proposal was developed and reviewed with the support of the OMS Executive Committee.

An informal survey of OMS Members revealed broad agreement that Member concerns – and the voices of retail regulators within the MISO footprint – need to be central to the transmission planning and cost allocation discussion, allowing Members to share their perspectives, identify opportunities for alignment, and ultimately to inform and guide the broader MISO cost allocation process. It is important to sequence the cost allocation discussion so that OMS concerns and priorities are driving the MISO stakeholder process, as opposed to OMS simply reacting to the broader MISO discussion.

To this end, I make the following recommendations. First, the OMS Board of Directors should establish a Comprehensive Cost Allocation Committee comprised of all OMS Directors to address cost allocation issues connected to the MISO Long-Range Transmission Planning Process. Next, I recommend that OMS adopt “Cost Allocation” as a Strategic Priority for 2020-21 at the 2020 OMS Annual Meeting and that Commissioner Sarah Freeman be appointed as OMS Cost Allocation liaison.

Structure and Membership

The Committee will develop its own schedule and structure, subject to the OMS Bylaws and the following guidelines:

- Meetings will be conducted through a virtual platform until further notice, with an initial cadence of twice monthly.
- The Committee will be comprised of all OMS Directors and direct engagement, and participation by Directors is strongly encouraged. Designated proxies may represent a Committee member if necessary.

- Meetings will be open to the public, with participation limited to Committee members. In order to discuss and reach agreement in an efficient way, decision makers must be involved directly in the process. Each Committee member must be authorized to negotiate and vote on behalf of the OMS Member they represent. Staff will participate by supporting their Committee members and through the OMS Transmission Cost Allocation Work Group as tasks are assigned by the Committee.

Initial Topics

While the Committee will set the agendas for its meetings, I recommend that meetings in 2020 focus on foundational topics, such as FERC orders addressing cost allocation within the MISO footprint; cost allocation provisions of MISO tariffs and their application to existing MISO projects; and general principles around cost causation, beneficiary pays, and on how transmission works. Building a robust conceptual framework will allow the Committee to consider and ultimately develop guiding principles for cost allocation, as well as a list of issues to be addressed through the MISO stakeholder process, before applying those principles to specific projects.

Timing

As noted above, OMS Member concerns and priorities need to be central to the cost allocation discussion, allowing retail regulators to share their perspectives, identify opportunities for alignment, and ultimately inform and guide the broader MISO cost allocation discussion. Establishing the Committee in September will provide time to develop these initial inputs and help to frame the broader MISO cost allocation discussion prior to a formal stakeholder process, which is likely to begin in Q1 2021.