



Organization of MISO States

**ORGANIZATION OF MISO STATES, INC.  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2008**

**Approved December 18, 2008**

Chairman John Norris, President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS), called the October 2008 meeting of the OMS Executive Committee to order via conference call at approximately 1:00 p.m. (CDT). The following directors participated in the meeting:

President - John Norris, Iowa  
Vice President – Lauren Azar, Wisconsin  
Secretary – Valerie Lemmie, Ohio  
Commissioner at Large – Angie Butcher – proxy for Monica Martinez, Michigan  
Treasurer – Greg Rislov, proxy for Gary Hanson, South Dakota

Others present on the conference call:

Jeff Johnson – Kentucky  
Bill Bokram – Michigan  
Burl Haar – Minnesota  
Greg Jergeson – Montana  
Joe Buckley - Ohio  
Chris Miller – FERC  
Bill Malcolm – MISO

OMS Staff - Bill Smith, Julie Mitchell

The directors listed above established the necessary quorum of three (3) Executive Committee members.

Lauren Azar moved to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2008 Executive Committee Meetings. Angie Butcher noted that Bill Bokram was proxy for Monica Martinez at the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and requested that the minutes be changed to reflect that. Lauren Azar amended her motion to include the change. Angie Butcher offered a second. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**BUSINESS**

### 1. OMS Officer Transition

Bill Smith mentioned that conference calls were scheduled for the Treasurer's transition (October 23) and a call Tuesday, October 28 for the MISO Advisory Committee Representatives transition.

Incoming Executive Committee members are requested to sit in on this and future calls as a way of transition. President Norris indicated he welcomed phone calls from any incoming officers with questions.

### 2. OMS Work Group Transition

Work Group Chair transition was discussed at the last work group chair meeting. Bill Smith explained how the leadership would transition and how email lists would be combined and compiled.

### 3. Renewal of OMS Office Lease

Bill Smith updated the Executive Committee on the search for new office space. His recommendation is for a space about twice that of the existing office space in the same building on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. A sample floor plan was distributed to the committee before the call. The cost of the new space will exceed the budgeted amount for 2009's rent by \$10,000. Lauren Azar asked if MISO had any qualms about OMS signing a three-year lease and wondered if there had been conversations with Dave Hadley about increasing the funds from MISO to cover the additional rent.

**Valerie Lemmie moved approval of Bill Smith's recommendation and the appropriate increase in the budget for office space rent in 2009. Angie Butcher seconded the motion.**

Point of information was made that the previous leases in the office rental were for 18 months, 18 months and 2 years. The discussion centered on whether or not OMS would want to ask MISO for their consideration of budget line items that are of substantial length, such as the 3 year term of this lease. Joe Buckley pointed out that the finance committee is now functioning on a rolling three year budget, so 3 years is probably not an issue for MISO. It was asked if there was an out in the contract. There was not.

**The motion was amended to include upon inclusion of an "availability of funds" out clause and if such a clause cannot be included without increase in cost, then OMS will seek MISO's input about entering into a 3 year lease and if MISO has concerns, Bill Smith will bring them back to the Executive Committee, but the Committee is not bound to by MISO's decision. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

### 4. Work Plan Implementation

Bill Smith presented an update on the implementation of the work plan and asked if members of the Executive Committee had any concerns or thoughts. A re-write of the education goal and the governance goal to add specific language is underway, and should be available for a vote at the December 1 Board meeting. There was agreement that things were moving along well.

### Administrative Report – Bill Smith

- The Advisory Committee will not meet in November. The next meeting is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- President Norris, Bill Smith and John Feit from Wisconsin will attend a FERC technical conference on market expansion in Washington, DC November 12.

**Announcements**

- Monday, **December 8**, MWDRI (Dynamic Pricing) – Chicago
- Thursday, **December 13**, Board of Directors Meeting – 1 pm CST
- Friday, **November 21**, Executive Committee – 1pm CST

**The meeting adjourned to closed session to discuss personnel committee issues at approximately 1:45 p.m. CDT**

At approximately 2:15 p.m. CDT the Executive Committee members came out of closed session and approved the following motions regarding salaries.

**A motion was made to give OMS staff a five percent raise for the contract period beginning September 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009.**

**The Executive Committee also moved to offer a 5% raise (not to exceed IRS requirements as determined by the OMS auditor) to the 401K maximums given last year to staff.**