



Organization of MISO States

**ORGANIZATION OF MISO STATES, INC.  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2009**

**Approved August 27, 2009**

Lauren Azar, President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS), called the July 23, 2009 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 – Lauren Azar, Wisconsin  
Vice President – Valerie Lemmie, Ohio  
Secretary – Greg Jergeson, Montana  
Commissioner at Large – Bill Bowker, proxy for David Armstrong, Kentucky  
Treasurer – Burl Haar, proxy for Tom Pugh, Minnesota

Others present on the conference call:

Randy Rismiller - Illinois  
Commissioner Jim Atterholt, Bob Pauley – Indiana  
Bill Bokram, Al Freeman – Michigan  
Mike Proctor - Missouri  
Don Neumeyer, Randy Pilo – Wisconsin

Chris Miller- FERC  
OMS Staff - Bill Smith, Julie Mitchell

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

President Azar requested the Executive Committee members to approve the June 25 meeting minutes as distributed. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Topics for Sector meetings – Lauren Azar**

President Azar asked for ideas from the committee on topics for discussion at the OMS commissioner/MISO management sector meeting in St. Paul in August. The following topics were discussed:

- MISO doesn't always do planning methodology because of political considerations (OMS discovered this during the CARP process). Political issues need to be resolved.

- MISO Perpetuity Issue. As soon as you find out about something like this, there is a fundamental flaw in your tariff, and MISO must let OMS know.
- Enforcement and Certification of market participants by MISO.
- Renewable Energy Credit Trading by MISO and PJM. (President Azar asked that Bill Smith notify the Markets & Tariffs WG to take this issue, and to also raise the question with OPSI Executive Director, Raj Barua.)
- What can MISO do to promote demand response and pilot programs?
- Can states do more to help MISO with preparation of forecasts that include demand response and smart grid. How do we incorporate energy efficiency, price response, and demand response into the forecast?
- In light of the RECB Task Force, CARP and UMTDI, does the MTEP '10 process need to change or be put on hold?
- In addition to these topics, attached to this document is a list of topics prepared and distributed to members prior to the meeting.

**Topics for Discussion at OMS Commissioner/MISO Board of Directors dinner, August 18 – Lauren Azar**

President Azar suggested arriving at the OMS commissioner/MISO board dinner in St. Paul in August with talking points. Again the committee members suggested topics for discussion. The following topics were discussed:

- Thanking the MISO board for the support MISO's provided OMS in the Eastern Interconnection Planning. MISO has gone above and beyond what was initially anticipated as their input.
- Feedback on impact of greater state role on these issues. What are their candid comments?
- On certain issues of public interest, states should be heard louder. A thank you is in order since some of the filings in the last two years have reflected that.
- How is the MISO Advisory Committee going? Can the OMS get feedback to the board on sensitive issues?
- When will OMS feel comfortable with the methodology used by the market monitor?
- What is MISO board's perspective on its new member – MidAmerican? Discuss in what way MISO is successfully attracting new members, and in what way is it failing.
- Since all the states and utilities are having a difficult time financially, what is MISO doing to make sure in this financial climate its costs are under control?

**2. OMS Priorities for 2010 – process discussion – Bill Smith**

Bill Smith will present several ideas for discussion at the annual meeting in October and the 2010 strategic priorities will be set then.

**3. OMS 2010 Budget development – Bill Smith/Lauren Azar**

The 2010 OMS budget has been prepared, but is waiting the direction of leadership on items that will affect the budget. The 2010 budget is dependent on OMS goals. Goals will be discussed at the OMS Annual meeting in October. Personnel items at the July Executive Committee meeting's closed session may also affect the budget.

**4. Nominating Committee Status Report – Bill Smith**

The Nominating Committee is engaged in its project and is aware of its deadline to report back.

5. **Status Report: Eastern Interconnection meeting – June 29-30** – Lauren Azar  
A proposal is due to the DOE August 14. The states have requested an extension, but they don't know if they'll get it. Funding is to begin in January. States which have not done so, need to send a commitment letter.
6. **Status Report: Formation of OMS DRWG** – Bill Smith  
Eleven OMS members signed up for the Demand Response WG. Julie Mitchell was asked to set up an organizational meeting for the group in August, prior to MISO aggregation filing and the OMS comment due in September.
7. **Agenda for next OMS Board meeting**  
No items for the regular August Board meeting were discussed. However, Randy Rismiller, chair of the Transmission Cost Allocation WG, indicated the need for a Special Board Meeting on July 29 to consider OMS comments on MISO's RECB Phase I cost allocation fix and MISO's Schedule 34 to allocate NERC penalty costs.

**Administrative Report** – Bill Smith

There was no administrative update.

**Announcements**

- OMS Board of Directors meeting: **August 13** at 1:00 pm CDT
- OMS Executive Committee meeting: **August 27** at 1:00 pm CDT
- Cost Allocation and Regional Planning Meeting, St. Paul, **August 17-18**
- Sector Meeting with MISO Officers and dinner with MISO Directors, St. Paul, **August 18**
- Cost Allocation and Regional Planning Meeting, Carmel, **September 24**

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:35 p.m. CDT**

**At approximately 1:40 pm CDT the OMS Executive Committee members voted to go into a closed session to discuss personnel issues concerning the staffing of OMS.**

OMS Executive Committee members voted to direct Bill Smith to develop a formal proposal to offer Mike Proctor a position with the OMS upon his retirement.

Committee members also agreed to discuss the issue of a second position for OMS (to be hired as a successor to Bill Smith) at the next two Executive Committee meetings.

**Closed meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm CDT**