



Organization of MISO States

**ORGANIZATION OF MISO STATES, INC.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2012**

Approved March 22, 2012

Robert Kenney, President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS), called the February 23, 2012 meeting of the OMS Executive Committee to order via conference call at approximately 1:00 p.m. (CST). The following directors participated in the meeting:

President – Robert Kenney, Missouri
Vice-President – Beth Roads, proxy for Kari Bennett, Indiana
Treasurer – Burl Haar, proxy for David Boyd, Minnesota
Secretary – Jerry Lein, proxy for Tony Clark, North Dakota
Commissioner at Large – Eric Callisto, Wisconsin

Others present on the conference call:

Illinois – Randy Rismiller
Iowa – Parveen Baig
Missouri – Josh Harden
Michigan – Bill Bokram
OMS Staff – Bill Smith, Julie Mitchell

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

Eric Callisto moved approval of the minutes from January 27, 2012. Beth Roads seconded. The minutes were approved by consensus.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion: Meeting with the ERSC Officers

Robert Kenney distributed a memo outlining the next steps to take based on the OMS/ERSC meeting. Those include:

- Finalizing amendments to the OMS bylaws to accommodate the City of New Orleans as a full and distinct regulatory member;
- Keep a dialogue going with the ERSC commissioners and further clarify some of the outstanding questions that were raised as a result of that meeting, particularly with respect to deadlines, enhanced filing rights, and the continuation of the ERSC once the Entergy operating companies each join MISO.

2. Discussion: Relation of MVP Planning and Regional Planning

Bill Smith provided background on this issue. The Executive Committee discussed whether OMS should have a larger role in these planning processes and agreed that a longer discussion was needed. Randy Rismiller pointed out that the Hot Topic for April was Order 1000 and suggested some of the concerns expressed could be laid out in the OMS comments on that Hot Topic. An OMS staff member is helping MISO draft the questions for the April Hot Topic. After the questions are posted, OMS will assemble a drafting team to prepare responses.

3. Further Discussion: Amendment of OMS By-Laws

Robert Kenney stated the plan is to submit the amendments for consideration by the full Board at the March or April OMS Board meeting.

4. Discussion: Capacity, portability request from MISO

Robert Kenney provided background information on this issue. Bill Smith will draft a letter to be discussed at the March 8 Board meeting.

5. Agenda for the March 8 OMS Board Meeting

The following items were discussed for inclusion at the March 8 Board meeting:

- Amended by-laws;
- March A/C agenda;
- Any projects that come out of the March 2nd Work Group Chairs meeting.

Administrative Report

There was no administrative report

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m. CST

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January 27, 2012

The Honorable Kevin Gunn, Chairman
Missouri Public Service Commission
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The Honorable Robert S. Kenney, Commissioner and President, Organization of
MISO States
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Dear Chairman Gunn and Commissioner Kenney:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and other members of the MISO team last Wednesday. We sincerely appreciated the opportunity to discuss MISO's value proposition, our work on EPA regulations, MVPs, and capacity deliverability.

As a follow-up to the meeting, I would like to respectfully request that the Missouri Public Service Commission send a letter to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman Jon Wellinghoff urging him to convene a technical conference or revive efforts to promote a joint and common market to review a potential capacity deliverability problem that we believe exists between the PJM and MISO RTOs in the Midwest.

As we discussed at our meeting, MISO and PJM have administrative rules governing how electricity generation capacity is counted within their respective RTOs. Even though capacity could physically move between MISO and PJM, we

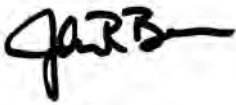
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believe these rules create a "seam" between them that prevents the free-flow of capacity between the RTOs and across the Midwest. As noted in our meeting, a recent study by Brattle Group calculates there is approximately 4000 - 6000 MW of power that cannot move from MISO to PJM resulting in \$2 to \$4 billion in excess capacity costs for consumers. Just as importantly, any barrier to free and open capacity deliverability in the Midwest aggravates the potential reliability threat resulting from electricity generating plant shutdowns, retrofit or replacements needed to comply with the proposed US EPA air emission rules.

Several states including Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana have expressed a concern to FERC over this issue. I have attached the letters sent to Chairman Wellinghoff from Michigan and Wisconsin. Your help in similarly urging FERC to require the RTOs to work together to study whether these administrative barriers exist and, if so, whether they can be eliminated, would be of great value. By convening a technical conference, or reviving FERC's earlier efforts to promote a joint and common market, we can explore the depth and nature of the problem as well as identify potential solutions.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to meet last Wednesday. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

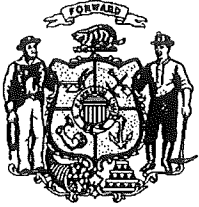
Sincerely,



John R. Bear, President and CEO

2 enclosures: PSC of WI Ltr
 MI PSC Ltr

cc: Terry M. Jarrett, Commissioner
 Steve Stoll, Commissioner



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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December 6, 2011

The Honorable Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
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Dear Chairman Wellinghoff:

We write to respectfully request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) take action to investigate a potential capacity deliverability issue that has been brought to our attention by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO). This deliverability issue between the PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM), and MISO regional transmission organizations (RTOs) may result in inefficiencies, and could challenge the concept of a robust market for energy that benefits consumers. In light of the challenges related to the implementation of new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, it is critical that these issues are quickly reviewed.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's understanding of the underlying issue is as follows: MISO and PJM have administrative rules that govern how electricity generation capacity is counted within their respective RTOs. Even though capacity could physically move between MISO and PJM, the rules create a "seam" between the RTOs that prevents the free-flow of capacity across the Midwest. To the extent transfer is limited by these rules, it could result in less competitive electricity prices. Preliminary analysis presented by MISO indicates that this issue implicates up to 4,000 megawatts of additional, economically efficient, capacity transfers that could be made between MISO and PJM. Aside from these economic issues, barriers to free and open capacity deliverability could hamper efforts to ensure reliability as the RTOs, utilities, and states work to implement and comply with pending EPA air emission rules.

We request that FERC investigate these issues and work with the RTOs to study whether existing rules act as a barrier and, if so, whether they can and should be eliminated. By convening a technical conference, or other similar process, the RTOs could explore the depth and nature of the problem as well as identify potential solutions. To be clear, the issue that has been identified by MISO is one of capacity deliverability, and not an issue of resource adequacy. Resource adequacy is an important issue in MISO, and Wisconsin has provided significant input to MISO as well as FERC. The desire to address capacity deliverability issues between MISO and PJM does not, and should not, be interpreted as modifying Wisconsin's position on the resource adequacy issue. Our comments on those issues stand on their own, and are not changed here.

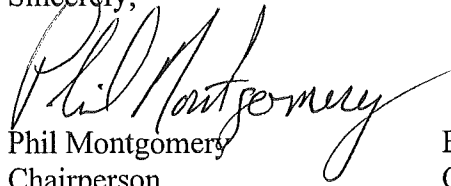
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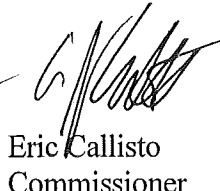
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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

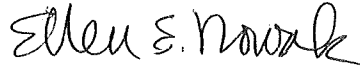
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Phil Montgomery
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cc: The Honorable Philip D. Moeller, FERC
The Honorable Marc Spitzer, FERC
The Honorable John R. Norris, FERC
The Honorable Cheryl A. LaFleur, FERC
Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.
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The Organization of PJM States, Inc.



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December 22, 2011

The Honorable Jon Wellinghoff
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Wellinghoff:

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Michigan Commission) requests that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) consider convening a technical conference to review potential options to better manage seams between the Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) to address potential reliability issues that are likely to arise with the implementation and timeline of new proposed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations or resume its efforts to promote a Joint and Common Market. It is especially critical for the MISO / PJM seam.

The Michigan Commission understands that MISO and PJM have administrative rules governing how inter-RTO transactions occur and how electricity generation capacity is counted within each RTO. Even though transactions may physically move between MISO and PJM, such rules can create seams that prevent free-flowing beneficial transactions between the RTOs and across the Eastern Interconnection. When this occurs, it can result in less competitive electricity prices, which cost Michigan electricity customers more money. Barriers to free and open markets in the Midwest can exacerbate the potential reliability threat resulting from electricity generating plant shutdowns, retrofits, or replacements needed to comply with the proposed EPA regulations and its timelines.

The Michigan Commission strongly encourages the Commission to direct PJM and MISO to work together to study any administrative barriers that currently exist between them and, if found, how they can be eliminated. Through a Commission technical conference and

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renewed Commission efforts to promote a Joint and Common Market, RTOs could explore seam problems and identify potential solutions. It is essential to ensure that needed resources, whether traditional plants, demand response, or innovative technology, are able to provide reasonably priced and reliable electricity in Michigan and other parts of the country. Any administrative barriers should not impede this goal.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John D. Quackenbush
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