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Marcus Hawkins is the new Executive Director of the Organization of MISO States, Inc.

Des Moines, IA – The Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) is pleased to announce that Marcus Hawkins has been named Executive Director effective January 1, 2019. Tanya Paslawski has been the Executive Director at OMS since June 1, 2015 and will resign officially on December 31, 2018.

“Tanya Paslawski has been an effective voice for OMS as both an expert in the industry and as a cat herder helping build consensus among the OMS jurisdictions. All of OMS is grateful for her years of dedicated service,” stated OMS Board President, Chairman Ted Thomas of the Arkansas Public Service Commission. “OMS Commissioners know and have great respect for Marcus Hawkins’ work as OMS Director of Member Services & Advocacy. We look forward to working with him in his new role,” he went on to say.

Hawkins added, “I feel privileged to serve the OMS members as Executive Director and I am extremely excited to be doing so during a time of such rapid change in the electric industry. I’d like to thank the OMS Board for trusting me to serve in this new role and look forward to supporting them as they implement policy throughout the MISO region.”

Hawkins brings a variety of skills and experience to his new work as OMS Executive Director. Hawkins joined OMS in 2016 as the Director of Member Services & Advocacy after working as an engineer in the Division of Regional Energy Markets at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. He has additional industry experience from prior roles at Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation and PA Consulting. Hawkins earned a master’s degree in mechanical engineering with an energy analysis and policy certification and a bachelor’s degree in nuclear engineering, both from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

OMS is the regional state committee for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) region representing regulatory entities in 15 states and Manitoba, Canada. The purpose of the OMS is to coordinate regulatory oversight among its members, to make recommendations to MISO, the MISO Board of Directors, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and other relevant government entities and state commissions as appropriate to express the positions of the OMS member agencies.

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