OMS Annual Meeting – October 26-27, 2026

The Chase Park Plaza | 212 N. Kingshighway Blvd, Suite #27 – St Louis, MO 63108 | 605-275-4120 | **Central Time Zone**

Monday, October 26

5:00 – 6:30 **Welcome Reception** (All Registrants Invited)
Zodiac Room, 11th Floor
Beverages and light appetizers served

Tuesday, October 27

7:30 – 9:00 Breakfast | *Khorassan West*

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcoming Remarks – OMS Leadership and Governor Mike Kehoe (Video Welcome)**

9:15 – 9:30 *Break/Reset for Annual Meeting*

9:30 – 10:45 **Annual Meeting: Administrative and Business Items** | *Khorassan Main*

10:45 – 11:15 *Break*

11:15 – 11:45 **Keynote Presentation: Aaron Melda, Chairman and President – Ameren Missouri**

11:45 – 1:00 *Group Lunch | Khorassan West*

1:00 – 2:00 ***Seams Like Old Times: Getting the Gang Back Together*** | *Khorassan Main*
Nearly a decade after the OMS-SPP RSC Seams Liaison Committee brought state regulators together to tackle persistent interregional challenges, the gang is back. Former OMS leaders revisit what worked, what didn't, what we learned - and whether today's seams challenges require resurrecting some old ideas to finally turn interregional planning into regional value.

- Moderated by **Joe Sullivan**, Commissioner, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- **Sarah Freeman**, Principal - RAP
- **Steve Gaw**, Senior VP of Markets and Infrastructure – Advanced Power Alliance
- **Ted Thomas**, Founder – Energize Strategies
- **Kevin Gunn**, Vice President, Regulatory and Government Affairs - Evergy

2:00 – 2:45 ***FIRESIDE CHAT*** – **Chair Chris Nelson (SD PUC) and Aubrey Johnson, Vice President of System Planning and Competitive Transmission, MISO -** Join OMS Vice President Chris Nelson and MISO's Aubrey Johnson for a candid conversation on the future of transmission planning in MISO. The discussion will explore how MISO can meet growing system needs while maintaining reliability, affordability, and competitive discipline - and where innovation and new approaches can deliver greater value for customers.

2:45 – 3:00 *Break*

3:00 – 4:15 ***Innovation, Alt Transmission Technologies, and DER Integration – Show Cause and Order 2222***
Explore how alternative transmission technologies, DERs, and other innovative solutions can lower costs, increase competition, and help the region get more from the grid we already have. This session will examine how technology, market-based solutions, and competitive alternatives to traditional infrastructure can support reliability while keeping affordability at the forefront, including opportunities highlighted by FERC's Large Load Show Cause proceeding and Order 2222.

- Moderated by **Jill Kringstad,** Commissioner – North Dakota Public Service Commission
- **Jessica Harrison**, Vice President of Regulatory Engagement – AssetCool
- **Richard Boehkne**, Founder and Principal – Lake State Labs

4:15 – 4:30 **Commissioner Closing Reflections –** *Moderated by **Brad Pope**, Legal & Regulatory Director - OMS*