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OMS Executive Director Report April 11, 2005

FERC Activity

1. The Midwest ISO energy market was successfully launched on April 1, 2005.
 - The FERC issued an order March 16, 2005, accepting the Midwest ISO's readiness certification.
 - OMS was represented at the market launch by President Kevin Wright, Vice-President Bert Garvin, and Commissioners Jones and Hadley.
 - Daily calls are being held to deal with implementation issues. Details on the calls can be found at the Midwest ISO calendar: www.midwestiso.org.
 - FERC has listed some rehearing issues on its April 13, 2005, agenda.

2. State Commission Access to Confidential Data. The OMS filed comments on the Offer of Proof on March 10 and replies on March 25. FERC action may take place within 60 to 90 days.

3. Through and Out Rates – Dockets ER05-6, EL02-111-004, ER05-6
 - The ALJ issued a procedural schedule on March 4, 2005.
 - The first procedural dates is April 29, 2005, filing of direct testimony on transmission owner lost revenues (Phase I issues).
 - Hearing on Phase I issues begins November 8, 2005.
 - Phase II, involving shift-to-shipper issues, is designated for settlement judge proceedings beginning July 8, 2005.
 - AEP filed a 15% increase in its transmission rates, claiming a decline in revenues under the FERC's solutions (Docket no ER05-751). A motion to extend the comment date to May 5.

4. NESCOE filing, Docket No. EL04-112. Since being struck from the March 2 meeting agenda, there have been no developments.
5. FERC Chairman Pat Wood has indicated that he will not request reappointment and will end his service on June 30, 2005.

DOE Activity

1. RTO 101 presentations by John Chandley of LECG Consulting are continuing. These presentations are available to each OMS state under funding from DOE and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. States should contact the OMS office with suggested dates to plan their presentation.

Other OMS Activity:

1. RECB/Pricing WG. The Midwest ISO's Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits Task Force (RECB), after its April 8 meeting, issued a ballot to allow its members to approve a final recommendation to the Advisory Committee's April meeting. The OMS Pricing Working Group has participated in the meetings and is meeting April 11 to discuss options.
2. We are reviewing and updating several OMS policies. In April, the Board will consider travel reimbursement policies.
3. OMS meeting to follow MARC meeting in Little Rock, June 22.

Public Relations

1. Pending speaking/meeting invitations:
 - FERC Staff, date not set, probably April.
 - NARUC Regulatory Exchange, May 25, to discuss regional activities with regulators from Macedonia
 - National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys, June 15, to participate in a panel on MultiState Energy Agreements: Regionalism Wrapped in Federalism.