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OMS Executive Director Report February 5, 2007

FERC and DOE Activity

1. On January 18, the FERC announced improvements in its Market Oversight webpage. See <http://www.ferc.gov/oversight>. The page is intended to allow greater accessibility to centralized information on electric and natural gas markets and will serve as a repository for Commission analytic work and market data.
2. The FERC has scheduled regional workshops to assist stakeholders in understanding the implementation of the rule on Filing Applications for Permits to Site Interstate Electric Transmission Facilities, Order No. 689 (AD07-9). The Midwest meeting will be held near O'Hare Airport on February 13.
3. On February 27, the FERC will hold the first in a series of conferences to examine the state of competition in wholesale power markets (AD07-7). The FERC would welcome statements of positive developments as well as problems. OMS's experience in regional regulatory coordination could be offered as one example.
4. The FERC has scheduled a technical conference in Washington on March 29 to discuss seams issues for RTOs in the Eastern Interconnection (AD06-9). FERC has asked for nominations for speakers by February 16.
5. The FERC will hold a technical conference to review its policies regarding market monitoring (AD07-8) in Washington on April 5.
6. DOE has not yet issued corridor designations based on the October 2006 comments.

OMS-MISO Activity:

1. . On January 19, OMS staff members met with John Procaro, consultant to the MISO transmission owners working on post-transition pricing issues. The TOs explained the approaches they are examining and expect they will be able to report to OMS again in March. FERC has directed a filing by August 2007.
2. The OMS formed a small group to discuss issues relating to the cost-benefit study with ICF and with the Midwest ISO. Questions were formulated and submitted to MISO on January 31. They will be discussed on February 7, with written responses to follow. MISO intends to release the study at the Advisory Committee. At today's Informational Forum, Graham Edwards reported that currently the study shows potential benefits of \$400 to 600 million on an annual basis, with actual achievement in the range of 5 to 40%.
3. On January 29, the MISO filed its long-term transmission rights proposal in Docket no. ER07-478. Comments or protests are due by February 20.
4. The Market Work Group has been following final discussions of the Ancillary Services Market proposal due to be filed February 15 and has offered MISO some staff observations.
5. An updated RTO 101 was presented to the Indiana Commission on January 23. Arrangements are being made to test the updated version on a "Curriculum Committee" of Commissioners Lemmie and Pugh and after fine tuning make additional presentations.

OMS Membership Changes:

1. Since the Annual Meeting we have welcomed three new Directors. Commissioner Greg Server now represents Indiana. Commissioner Tom Pugh of Minnesota has taken Ken Nickolai's place. Commissioner Valerie Lemmie of Ohio has taken Judy Jones's place. Former Director Diane Munns left the Iowa Board during January and is now at EEI. Commissioner Bert Garvin will leave the Wisconsin Commission later this month. These outgoing commissioners have been important parts of the success of OMS and we will miss them.

2. Staff members David Sapper (Wisconsin), Kim Joyce (Pennsylvania) and A.W. Turner (Kentucky) have left their commissions for positions in the private sector. We appreciate their work on behalf of all our states and wish them well in their new work.
3. The Illinois Citizens Utility Board has become an associate member of the OMS.

Public Relations

1. Pending speaking/meeting invitations:
 - Feb 21-22 – The Electricity Delivery Forum will be held in Washington immediately following NARUC meetings. Details at http://www.electricitydeliveryforum.org/email/email_04.html
 - OMS has been invited to make a presentation to the Generation Summit, February 25-27, 2006.
 - The Energy Bar Association Midwest conference will be held in St. Louis on March 7. Several commissioners are a part of the program.

Upcoming MISO Filings of Regional Interest

Filing Date	Docket No.	Description	Pursuant to Commission Order
2/08/2007	ER07-____-000	The Midwest ISO to submit revisions to Module D of the EMT in order to bring into conformity with the Commission's policy regarding Independent Market Monitor procedures.	111 FERC ¶ 61,267
2/15/2007	ER07-____-000	The Midwest ISO to submit provisions of the EMT to include its Ancillary Services Market.	N/A
2/23/2007	EL02-65-000, ER04-375-000 and ER04-521-000	The Midwest ISO and PJM to submit their 120-day informational report on the progress towards a joint and common market and implementation of the JOA.	106 FERC ¶ 61,251 (2004); 108 FERC ¶ 61,143 (2004) and 110 FERC ¶ 61,226 (2005)

3/01/2007	ER06-313-000	The Midwest ISO to submit an evaluation of alternative methods to accommodate monthly FTRs in a further compliance filing 90 days prior to the next annual FTR allocation.	114 FERC ¶ 61,117 at PP 20, 26 and Ordering Paragraph (C) (2006)
3/16/2007	ER04-691-023, EL04-104-022 and ER04-960-002	The Midwest ISO and MAPP to submit their 90-day informational filing regarding the Seams Operating Agreement.	110 FERC ¶ 61,290 at P 35 (2005)
3/30/2007	ER04-691-000	The Midwest ISO to submit implementation issues relating to its Automated Mitigation Plan (“AMP”) in compliance with the Commission’s April 15, 2005 Order.	111 FERC ¶ 61,042 (2005) and 7/25/06 Notice of Extension of Time.

CURRENT OMS PROJECTS

ICF Benefits Study (Release expected February 2007)

Comments to MISO BoD on Joint and Common Market (Feb 2007)

Demand response Initiative – first steering committee meeting Feb 9

MTEP review – January 2007

MISO State Ratemaking Study Group – MISO to fine tune its “35-charges” training.

Data confidentiality and access and FERC market analysis calls

Comments on MISO’s long-term FTR filing

Joint and Common Market

Ancillary services Market

Review Reserve Sharing Groups

Refresher training and new member orientation; RTO 101 updates