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Chairman Kevin McIntyre  
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Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

The Organization of MISO States is the not-for-profit regional state committee in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) region. The OMS represents the collective interests of the 17 state and local utility members regulators in the region and facilitates informed and efficient participation in MISO issues. Members collaborate to share information and resources, debate and exchange ideas on policy issues, and communicate their viewpoints. The efficacy of transmission development and associated costs in MISO is a priority issue for the OMS.

The recent reduction in the federal corporate tax rate directly impacts the cost of service for regulated utilities across the country. Many of the OMS members have already taken steps to preserve the value of these cost reductions to provide maximum benefit to ratepayers in their own jurisdictions. It is in the public interest that these cost reductions be realized by ratepayers for services throughout the electric energy industry, including electric transmission. As such, the OMS members join the chorus of parties urging FERC to take all necessary action to preserve the benefits of the cost reduction from lower corporate tax rates for customers in the form of lower transmission rates for entities within its jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Ted Thomas  
Chairman, Arkansas Public Service Commission  
President, Organization of MISO States

This letter is joined by the following OMS Associate Members: the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, the Office of Consumer Advocate of Iowa, the Michigan Agency for Energy, the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General, and the Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin. The Alliance for Affordable Energy in Louisiana also supports the letter.