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Tricia DeBleeckere Named Executive Director of the Organization of MISO States

Madison, WI – The Organization of MISO States (OMS) is pleased to announce Tricia DeBleeckere as its new Executive Director effective May 8, 2024. The role was previously held by Marcus Hawkins.

“We are very excited to have Tricia return to the OMS team; she brings a wealth of industry expertise to OMS’s work and is already a known asset for many MISO states. Her previous experience working for a state Commission, existing relationships with OMS, and her most recent experience at MISO will be an incredible resource for our members,” stated OMS President Joshua Byrnes. “Tricia brings a deep understanding of how to navigate complex regulatory and stakeholder processes, and her experience, knowledge, and thoughtfulness will serve OMS and state Commissions well.”

DeBleeckere brings a variety of skills and 25-years of industry experience to the Executive Director role. Most recently, she worked for MISO as the Director of State Policy and Strategy. Previously, she served as the Assistant Executive Secretary and long-standing staff for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission where she worked as a Commission advisor and analyst on complex cases from the distribution side up through wholesale markets and regional planning issues. Prior to state service, she worked in the private sector as a consultant for natural gas, ethanol, and manufacturing clients. DeBleeckere earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Minnesota and is finishing a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas Permian Basin, expected in 2024.

“I am truly excited to be working with the OMS team again to ensure we are proceeding through the energy transition in the most cost-effective, reliable, and efficient way possible. There are many challenges currently before OMS, state Commissions, and MISO – with many more to come in the years ahead. Increased collaboration, discussion, and tough decisions will be necessary to ensure effective outcomes on behalf of the OMS Board, states, and ratepayers.”

OMS is the regional state committee for the MISO region representing regulatory entities in 15 states and Manitoba, Canada. OMS coordinates 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 as appropriate to express the positions of the OMS member agencies. For further information please contact Amanda Slaton at (515) 243-0742.

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