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OMS Executive Director Departing

Madison, WI – The Organization of MISO States (OMS) is announcing the departure of its Executive Director, Marcus Hawkins, as of April 5, 2024. Marcus has been with the OMS since 2016 when he was hired as the Director of Member Services and became Executive Director in January 2019. He led the organization through a period of rapid change within the electric industry, including major initiatives related to DER participation in wholesale markets, long-range transmission planning, and several major reforms to MISO’s resource adequacy construct.

“Collaboration among state regulators has never been more important to ensure reliable and affordable energy is provided through our regional market. Marcus has brought leadership, an in-depth knowledge of the industry, and a unique ability to explain complex topics to, and forge consensus amongst, regulators in the MISO footprint. He has successfully navigated a large group of regulators through many thorny issues, and I wish him well in his new position,” said OMS President, Joshua Byrnes.

“Marcus is a trusted voice amongst the OMS community and his expertise will be missed. I look forward to working with him in his new role” added OMS Vice President Joe Sullivan.

In accordance with the OMS bylaws, the Executive Committee will select a new Executive Director subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. The process to search for a replacement will be announced in the coming days.

The Organization of MISO States is a not-for-profit, self-governing organization of representatives from each regulatory body with retail jurisdiction over entities participating in MISO and serves as the regional state committee. The purpose of the OMS is to coordinate regulatory oversight among its members, to make recommendations to MISO, the MISO Board of Directors, the Commission, and other relevant government entities and state commissions as appropriate, and to intervene in proceedings before the Commission to express the positions of the OMS member agencies.

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