

Long-Term Focus Areas

1. Lead in the development and implementation of policy issues in the Midcontinent ISO (MISO) region to protect the public interest, enhance the transparency and competitiveness of its regional markets, and ensure that costs to customers are reasonable
2. Support OMS member engagement in MISO-related issues through education, collaboration, and communication
3. Preserve retail jurisdiction from attempts to alter the current balance of local, regional, and federal authority and evaluate opportunities to better define the jurisdictional spheres when it would benefit electric customers
4. Continually scrutinize the processes and resources available to members to maximize the effectiveness of OMS as an organization

2024 Strategic Priorities (Board Member Liaison)

Cost Allocation (Commissioner Joe Sullivan)

- Provide leadership in MISO stakeholder processes and ensure state and local regulator voices are central in discussions
- Identify the appropriate processes for development of LRTP cost allocation for Tranches 3 and 4, propose tariff modifications identified as necessary and consistent with OMS LRTP cost allocation principles, and advocate for their inclusion in the MISO tariff
- Ensure regional cost allocation priorities and changes are coordinated with the OMS Seams Liaison to ensure compatibility between this priority and the seams strategic priority so that regional cost allocation methods complement interregional cost allocation methods and leverage cost allocation methods developed through the JTIQ and TMEP study processes

Transmission Planning (Commissioner Michael Carrigan)

- Provide leadership in communicating state and utility resource and policy preferences to MISO and stakeholders to ensure accurate consideration of the OMS long-range transmission planning principles in planning processes
- Engage on the development of scenarios, key assumptions, and methodology for business case assessment for projects identified in the Long-Range Transmission Planning Process
- Ensure transmission planning processes properly capture future uncertainty by including state perspectives and appropriate benefit analyses
- Engage in the sub-regional planning meetings to ensure all elements of the annual MISO Transmission Expansion Plan (MTEP) continue to provide optimal solutions, sufficient transparency, and good value for ratepayers
- Pursue additional technical expertise and modeling capabilities from member staff and external resources, including DOE funding opportunities, to better understand MISO's LRTP modeling and project selection
- Provide training for members on the PLEXOS Energy Modeling Software
- Promote near-term solutions that relieve congestion from new generation and transmission coming online

Seams & Interregional Transmission (Chair Dan Scripps)

- Renew engagement in existing interregional planning stakeholder processes (SPP & PJM IPSACs) and identify areas of focus
- Complete ongoing joint seams planning activities, including JTIQ and TMEP cost allocation on the SPP seam, and coordinate with the SPP RSC as necessary.
- Ensure long-range planning efforts consider interregional needs and evaluate how these efforts connect with the FERC, NERC, and DOE interregional transfer efforts
- Gather member perspectives on the value of interregional planning and advocate for these perspectives when appropriate
- Conduct joint meetings with regulators from neighboring RTOs to discuss priorities related to interregional planning, generator interconnection issues, and market improvements
- Monitor progress on the Seams Liaison Committee's final recommendations

Resource Adequacy and Energy Markets (Commissioner Julie Fedorchak)

- Develop OMS position on MISO's proposed changes to accreditation and support members as they incorporate these changes into state and local planning processes or retail tariffs
- Ensure market pricing changes incentivize resource availability (e.g., scarcity pricing, VOLL, ORDC)
- Ensure any modifications to reliability requirements align with state and local planning processes and retail tariffs and consider inclusion of additional RA risk metrics
- Work with MISO and utilities to ensure its Regional Resource Assessment provides information useful to retail regulators
- Identify potential enhancements to MISO's FTR/ARR construct and prioritize their implementation
- Lead efforts on reliability-informed resource adequacy planning through DOE project and ensure coordination with MISO's attributes and RRA initiatives

Distributed Energy Resources (Commissioner Jason Holsman)

- Engage in MISO stakeholder processes for its third Order 2222 compliance filing, including implementation timeline and expanding the geographic scope of aggregation
- Continue to lead the DERTF to ensure its objectives and work plan align with OMS's priorities, advocate for renewed engagement, and encourage MISO to dedicate resources to support Order 2222 implementation and maintain stakeholder knowledge and expertise
- Support OMS members' Order 2222 implementation efforts and flag opportunities for education and discussion of best practices, challenges, and solutions. This could include: coordination of retail programs, state interconnection processes, proactive planning methods, and utility requirements and investments needed to enable DER integration and Order 2222 compliance
- Lead efforts toward developing a formalized data collection and sharing process
- Coordinate with MISO and stakeholders across the transmission and distribution system interface to ensure efficient and reliable participation of DERs in wholesale and retail markets, including any changes to demand response participation, requirements, and impacts of third-party aggregation