

MGA MID-GRID 2035 - Stage 2 - Quarterly Meeting 1

April 17-18, 2023

Draft Agenda

Since the start of the MID-GRID 2035 effort in late 2019, the Midwest has made considerable progress toward the [vision outlined by the states](#). Regional and interregional transmission planning is taking place at a scale not before contemplated, and new generation investments have provided economic development and other benefits. Simultaneously, the region has dealt with multiple major weather events, grid reliability challenges, increasing costs due to global economic turmoil and record inflation, and an increasing rate of generation retirements.

As we look back at where MID-GRID began and now toward where this work will go, the nature of the challenges and opportunities ahead has shifted and this event will set the stage for what we hope to tackle in Stage 2 of MID-GRID 2035.

Day 1, Monday, April 17, 2023

1:00 pm **Welcome and Introductions**

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association
- [Doug Scott](#), Vice President, Great Plains Institute

1:10 pm **Setting the Stage for MID GRID 2035: Stage 2**

MID-GRID 2035 staff will provide a brief overview of the topics we plan to explore through Stage 2 of the MID-GRID 2035 initiative.

- [Matt Prorok](#), Senior Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute

1:20 pm **Panel Discussion: RTO Updates**

The RTOs serving customers in the MGA footprint are responding the reliability, affordability, and decarbonization demands of the states and their member utilities. This panel discussion will provide participants with a broad view of the work underway at the RTOs today to address the needs of MID-GRID state participants.

2:50 pm **Break**

3:10 pm **Roundtable Discussion on Intersection of Reliability, Affordability, and Decarbonization**

MID-GRID state participants will share their thoughts on the topics teed up for Stage 2. Panelists will highlight opportunities and challenges, share learned experiences from their states, and identify opportunities for effective, meaningful collaboration for MID GRID in 2023 and beyond.

4:15 pm **National Transmission Planning (NTP) Study & National Transmission Needs (NTN) Study**

The U.S. Department of Energy's National Transmission Studies are intended to identify transmission that will provide broad benefits to electric customers, inform regional and interregional transmission planning, and identify interregional and national strategies to

accelerate decarbonization while maintaining system reliability. Representatives from the U.S. DOE will provide participants with an update on their progress and key Midwest findings.

- 5:15 pm Day 1 Wrap-up and Preview of Day 2**
- Matt Prorok, Senior Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute
 - Jesse Heier, Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association

5:30 pm Reception

Day 2, Tuesday, April 18, 2023

8:00 am Continental Breakfast Available

8:30 am Welcome Back/Preview of Day 2

- Jesse Heier, Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association
- Matt Prorok, Senior Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute

8:40 am Keynote Address: Levers that Can be Pulled to Address the Intersection of Resiliency in the Midwest

9:25 am Case Study: Understanding the Impact of Storms Uri and Elliott on the Midwestern Grid

10:10 am Break

10:25 am Panel Discussion: Resiliency in the Midwest

Panelists from a broad array of perspectives will provide their insights into the emerging and persistent reliability and resilience needs of the grid. Panelists will aim to characterize the types of reliability challenges planners and operators must confront now and in the future, and what policies and other tools may need to evolve to keep pace. Reacting to the prior speakers, panelists will shed light on where MID-GRID 2035 ought to aim its focus for Stage 2.

11:55 am Day 2 Wrap- Up/Next steps

- Matt Prorok, Senior Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute
- Jesse Heier, Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association

12:00 pm Meeting Adjourns