

September 17, 2019

Mr. John Bear
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Dear Mr. Bear,

The electric system in our states and across the country is evolving. Over the next decade, thousands of megawatts of generation will be retired, while there is an increasing demand to electrify new sectors of the economy. The continued development of integrated regional, state and provincial electric systems must keep up with demand. At the same time, our region has become increasingly vulnerable to extreme weather events that challenge the resiliency of our power system.

Many of these changes in the electricity system are due to economic and competitive market forces; while some are due to factors that include: advancing or expanding technologies, changing customer needs and desires, and public policies and goals being adopted by our states. Yet, while these electricity system changes are happening in and affecting our states and province differently, our shared values are greater than our differences. We all need an electricity system that provides reliable, lowest cost electricity, promotes regional and local economic development and is flexible enough to meet state and provincial polices and goals. Our current, interconnected grid provides great value to our states, province and the region, but we want to ensure that this continues for many decades.

Given the central role Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) has in our states', province's and the region's electricity system, we believe you are best positioned to conduct a study (long range transmission planning) of the effects of the changes on the region's electricity system, and to identify enhancements to the region's electricity system and transmission grid needed to:

- guarantee regional grid reliability, resiliency, and state and province determined resource adequacy in order to keep pace with technology changes in generation resources;
- address regional transfer capacity weaknesses and opportunities throughout the footprint;
- assure the lowest cost delivered electricity to our citizens; and
- enhance local job creation and economic development.

Much like the interconnectedness and interdependency of our highways and roads, the electricity system MISO operates is critical to healthy communities and economically vibrant states. Having a study that looks at the significant ongoing changes to that system and options for a path forward would be invaluable to achieving our states' and province's goals. We hope you will undertake this task and we look forward to working with you.

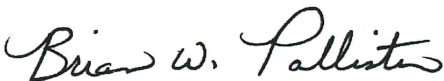
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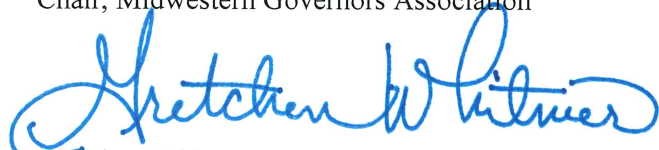
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