



MGA-OMS Transmission Summit 2023

University of Michigan Detroit Center, Woodward Avenue #150
Detroit, Michigan | November 6-7, 2023
All times are in Eastern Time Zone

Monday, November 6

- 1:30 pm **Bus Departs for ITC**
Departure via bus from Athenium Suites Hotel.
- 2:00 pm **Optional State Government Only Operations Center Tour at ITC Headquarters**
Advanced registration required. Spots limited.
- 6:00 pm **Welcome Cocktail Reception**
[A Bar and Lounge](#), Athenium Suites Hotel, 1000 Brush Street, Downtown Detroit

Tuesday, November 7

- 7:30 am **Continental Breakfast Available**
- 8:00 am **Welcome & Introduction**
- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)
 - [Marcus Hawkins](#), Executive Director, Organization of MISO States (OMS)
- 8:15 am **Keynote Address: Understanding Costs of the Future Grid**
The US electric grid is in a period of significant investment to replace aging equipment, meet growing load, and achieve policy goals. Broad changes in the generation mix, regional energy patterns, and customer-side solutions put new pressure on traditional cost allocation and ratemaking methods and requires continued innovation. This educational keynote will explore how the changing electric system is impacting bills and rates for customers, principles for fair and efficient cost allocation, and other related issues.
- [Mark LeBel](#), Senior Associate, Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP)
- 9:00 am **Panel Discussion: Regulator Perspectives**
Discussion between regulators on the activities going on within their states related to recent events on the bulk electric system. Topics covered will include: state engagement in transmission planning processes and connections between resource and transmission planning.
- Commissioner [Sheri Haugen-Hoffart](#), North Dakota Public Service Commission
 - Chairman [Doug Scott](#), Illinois Commerce Commission
 - Vice-Chair [Joseph Sullivan](#), Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
 - **Moderator:** [Brad Pope](#), Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Organization of MISO States (OMS)
- 10:30 am **Break**

10:45 am

Panel Discussion: Interregional Transmission – Lessons from Industry

The Midwest is home to a number of planned interregional transmission projects. Some merchant, some planned by RTOs, but they all support the MID-GRID 2035 vision of efficient and robust connection between regions. This panel will explore the opportunities and challenges of getting projects built and discuss if these projects meet emerging reliability and resilience needs.

- [Steve Frenkel](#), Vice President, Transmission Origination, Invenergy
- [Marc Keyser](#), Director, Seams Coordination, Membership Services, and Customer Coordination, MISO
- [Raj Rajan](#), Vice President – Project Development, SOO Green HVDC Link
- [Drew Siebenaler](#), Manager, Regional Transmission Planning and Analytics, Xcel Energy
- [Michael Skelly](#), Chief Executive Office, Grid United
- **Moderator:** [Christina Hayes](#), Executive Director, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

12:30 pm

Lunch Keynote Address: Billions in Benefits: Connecting PJM and MISO

Alleviating transmission constraints between the PJM Interconnection (PJM) and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) could save consumers billions of dollars a year, with those savings expected to increase as the regions continue to decarbonize their power generation and electrify transportation, heating, and other sectors of the economy. The speaker will present findings from his new report outlining steps the regions can take to plan and pay for transmission that would realize the significant economic benefits greater transmission ties between the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic grid regions can deliver.

- [Michael Goggin](#), Vice President, Grid Strategies on behalf of ACORE

1:30 pm

Panel Discussion: Transmission Siting and Community Engagement

Developers, states, and industry voices reflect on effective, meaningful community engagement in support of infrastructure siting. The panel will explore innovative solutions to transmission siting and community engagement best practices.

- [Juan Jhong Chung](#), Climate Justice Director, Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition
- [Sarah Banas Mills](#), PhD, Director, Center for EmPowering Communities, University of Michigan
- [Morgan Putnam](#), Founder and Advisor, NextGen Highways and Principal Consultant, DNV
- [Cynthia Stump](#), Regional Manager for Community Affairs, ITC Holdings Corp.
- **Moderator:** [Melissa Birchard](#), Senior Policy Advisor, Grid Deployment Office, Transmission Division, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

3:00 pm

Break

3:15 pm

Panel Discussion: Getting More out of the Existing Grid

A suite of tools is available to grid planners and operators to increase the value of existing interregional transmission ties. Some of these include transmission topology optimization, improved market to market transaction processes, accelerated market coordination, and deploying grid enhancing technologies. Panelists will discuss the current state of play of these efforts in the Midwest and identify opportunities for improvement.

- [Marcus Hawkins](#), Executive Director, Organization of MISO States (OMS)
- [Mitch Myhre](#), Senior Manager - Business Planning & Regulatory Strategy, Alliant Energy
- [Hilary Pearson](#), Vice President of Policy & External Affairs, LineVision
- **Moderator:** [Trish Demeter](#), Managing Director, Advanced Energy United

4:30 pm

Concluding Remarks

The Midwestern Governors Association thanks the following organizations for their support of this meeting:



For more information, please visit www.midwesterngovernors.org/Transmission-2023.