
MGA Transmission Summit 2021 - Virtual

November 16, 17, and 18 2021

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Tuesday, November 16

9:20 am **Welcome & Introduction**

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)
- [Marcus Hawkins](#), Executive Director, Organization of MISO States (OMS)

9:30 am **Keynote Address: NREL Interconnection Seams Study**

- Dr. [James McCalley](#), London Professor of Power System Engineering, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Iowa State University

10:15 am **Panel Discussion: Regional Regulator Perspectives**

Discussion of major transmission planning activities and state policy developments. Topics covered will include MISO's long-range transmission planning, the Joint Targeted Interconnection Study between MISO and SPP, and the FERC transmission planning ANOPR. How can states work together to achieve both individual and shared goals?

- Chair [Julie Fedorchak](#), North Dakota Public Service Commission
- Commissioner [Sarah Freeman](#), Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
- Chairperson [Andrew French](#), Kansas Corporation Commission
- Chair [Dan Scripps](#), Michigan Public Service Commission
- **Moderator:** [Marcus Hawkins](#), Executive Director, Organization of MISO States (OMS)

11:45 am **Day 1 Wrap-Up/Preview of Day 2**

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Wednesday, November 17 – Strengthening Federal-State Partnerships

With changes occurring at the Federal level and a strong interest in transmission expansion and grid improvements, this day will focus on the opportunity for states to strengthen relationships with Federal partners.

9:20 am **Welcome & Introduction**

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)

9:30 am **Keynote Address: Powering Midwestern Expansion through Transmission**

- [Michelle Manary](#), (Acting) Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Resilience Division, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy

10:15 am **Panel Discussion: Building Transmission through Federal-State Partnerships**

This panel will discuss Federal programs, initiatives, and (proposed) legislation that will impact Transmission development. The panelists will also discuss funding opportunities from the Federal level, and the impact on states

- [Whitney Muse](#), Chief of Staff, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy
- Chairman [Ted Thomas](#), Arkansas Public Service Commission
- [Eric Vandenberg](#), Deputy Director, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- **Moderator:** [Gabe Tabak](#), Counsel, American Clean Power Association

11:45 am **Guest Speaker: Technical Assistance at U.S. Department of Energy**

The Office of Electricity at the U.S. Department of Energy is working to expand and improve technical assistance with states in developing new transmission and upgrading existing transmission. Learn about changes in Technical Assistance from DOE and DOE would also like to hear from states on what opportunities and challenges in working with DOE on technical assistance related to transmission and grid issues.

- [Whitney Muse](#), Chief of Staff, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy

12:15 pm **Day 2 Wrap-Up/Day 3 Preview**

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Thursday, November 18

9:20 am **Welcome & Introduction**

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)
- [Matt Prorok](#), Senior Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute

9:30 am **Panel Discussion: Transmission's Role in Reliability, Resilience, & Resource Adequacy**

In February 2021, winter storm Uri wreaked havoc on the electric grid in many parts of the United States, including in many parts of MISO. While the gulf coast experienced significant generation outages, the MVP lines in MISO North kept power flowing through MISO and into SPP, saving an estimated \$18B in economic activity. The panel will discuss the role of transmission to support resilience from major weather events as well as broader regional sharing of resources for reliability and resource adequacy purposes.

- [Rob Gramlich](#), Founder and President, Grid Strategies, LLC
- [Clair Moeller](#), President and Chief Operating Officer, MISO
- [Lanny Nickell](#), Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Southwest Power Pool
- **Moderator:** [Doug Scott](#), Vice President, Electricity and Efficiency, Great Plains Institute (GPI)

10:45 am **Panel Discussion: What is Transmission? Discussion of Technologies that are Part of the Transmission Solution**

Transmission planning has historically had a fairly limited set of tools in the toolbox. We've largely defaulted to building out the AC grid with new lines when and where needed, along with things like capacitor banks, phase angle regulators, and other devices that keep the AC system synchronized and stable across the region. However, as the generation fleet changes to rely more on inverter-based resources, issues like weak grids and lack of short circuit current, which were once geographically isolated issues, are going to become more wide-spread. In parallel, new technologies are coming into the mainstream that can help address these and other needs on the grid. This panel will explore the potential for technologies like HVDC transmission, energy storage, dynamic line rating and flow control, and grid-forming inverters to solve multiple challenges to enable the grid to remain reliable and cost effective into the future.

- [Hudson Gilmer](#), Chief Executive Officer, LineVision
- [Julia Matevosyan](#), Chief Engineer, Energy Systems Integration Group (ESIG)
- [Jon Newman](#), Manager of Product Strategy and Market Development, Fluence
- [Pablo Ruiz](#), Chief Executive Officer, New Grid
- **Moderator:** [Matt Prorok](#), Senior Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute (GPI)

12:00 pm **Day 3 Wrap-Up/Next Steps**