



# **MGA-OMS Transmission Summit 2022 - Virtual**

## November 1-3, 2022

All times are in Central Time Zone

## Wednesday, November 2

Interregional transmission is squarely within the focus of the MGA's MID GRID Vision. Expanding the ability to move power between regions of the country, namely SPP, MISO, and PJM in the Midwest, could enable a more reliable and affordable supply of electricity for Midwest customers. However, to date little interregional transmission has been built in the Midwest or elsewhere in the United States. With renewed interest amongst federal and state policy makers in interregional transmission opportunities, Day 2 of the MGA Transmission Summit will focus on the benefits interregional transmission can provide and policy and planning process barriers in place today that limit our ability to capture those benefits.

### 9:15 am Welcome & Introduction

- Jesse Heier, Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)
- Matt Prorok, Senior Policy Manager, Energy Systems, Great Plains Institute (GPI)

# 9:25 am Guest Speaker: Setting the Stage – The Policy and Physical Landscape of Interregional Transmission

The concept of minimum transfer capability between regions of the U.S. electric grid has made repeated appearances in state, regional and federal transmission planning discussions. Recent research by the Niskanen Center and Carbon Impact Consulting attempts to quantify the current interregional transfer capacity across the country today and makes recommendations for setting minimum capacity requirements. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with study author.

 <u>Liza Reed</u>, Electricity Transmission Research Manager, Climate Policy, Niskanen Center

### 9:45 am Guest Speaker: Measuring the Value of Interregional Transmission

Recent analysis by researchers at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory shows that transmission planning models and conventional analyses may undervalue the economic benefits of interregional transmission. Author Dev Millstein will present finding from the <u>August 2022 study</u> which estimates economic benefits of transmission using real time locational marginal prices.

Dev Millstein, Research Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

10:05 am **Joint Q&A** 

### 10:45 am **Panel Discussion:**

Despite a decade of federal policy support, multiple joint planning studies, and demonstrated interest from private capital and merchant developers, little to no transmission capacity exists between some regions of the country today. Speakers will discuss why interregional transmission has been so difficult to build, how we can improve the chances of identifying and building beneficial projects, the role of interregional transmission in the energy transformation underway, and the value of a "minimum transfer capacity" concept as has been articulated recently during discussion of the FERC-NARUC Task Force.

- Justin Davies, Director, Transmission Planning, Ameren
- Nicole Luckey, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Invenergy
- Commissioner Julie Fedorchak, Chair, North Dakota Public Service Commission
- Moderator: <u>Doug Scott</u>, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Great Plains Institute

### 12:00 pm **Day 2 Wrap-Up/Day 3 Preview**