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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman;
Nora Mead Brownell, Joseph T. Kelliher,
and Suedeen G. Kelly.

Midwest Independent Transmission
System Operator, Inc.

Docket Nos. ER04-782-000
and ER04-783-000

ORDER ACCEPTING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS FOR FILING

(Issued June 29, 2004)

1. On April 30, 2004, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) filed an executed Interconnection and Operating Agreement (IOA), under Midwest ISO's open access transmission tariff (OATT) among Blue Sky Wind Farm LLC (Blue Sky or Generator), Midwest ISO and American Transmission Company LLC (ATCLLC or Transmission Owner) in Docket No. ER04-782-000. On that same date, Midwest ISO also filed an IOA among Green Field Wind Farm LLC (Green Field or Generator), Midwest ISO and ATCLLC in Docket No. ER04-783-000. In this order, we accept the IOAs for filing, without suspension or hearing. This order benefits customers because it provides additional wind generation capacity into Midwest ISO's transmission system.

I. Background

2. The IOAs provide that both Blue Sky and Green Field will jointly own certain of the generator interconnection facilities as tenants in common. The agreements cover the connection of wind farms, each equipped with forty-four (44) wind turbines rated at 1.8 MW per turbine, to the Midwest ISO transmission system. The projects, estimated to produce a total of 160 MW, are scheduled to complete construction and begin operation in the fall of 2005. Payments to be made by both Blue Sky and Green Field to ATCLLC are estimated to reach \$5.24 million.

3. Midwest ISO requests an effective date of April 20, 2004, for the IOAs.

II. Notice of Filing and Pleadings

4. Notices of Midwest ISO's filing were published in the Federal Register, 69 Fed. Reg. 26,588 (2004), with motions to intervene and protests due on or before May 21, 2004. No motions to intervene or protests were filed.

III. Discussion

5. Midwest ISO has filed IOAs connecting wind generation to its transmission system. No party to these proceedings object to Midwest ISO's filed IOAs.

6. Our analysis indicates that Midwest ISO's proposed IOAs are consistent with Attachment R (Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreement) of Midwest ISO's OATT. Therefore, we find that these unopposed proposed IOAs are just and reasonable. Accordingly, we will accept these IOAs, without suspension or hearing.

The Commission orders:

Midwest ISO's proposed IOAs are hereby accepted for filing without suspension or hearing, to become effective April 20, 2004, as requested.

By the Commission.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.