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In Reply Refer To:
Midcontinent Independent
System Operator, Inc.
Docket No. ER17-1303-000

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Dear Ms. Valley:

1. On March 24, 2017, pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA)¹ and Part 35 of the Commission's regulations,² Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) filed proposed revisions to Rate Schedule 8 (Seams Operating Agreement Between the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. And Manitoba Hydro) of its Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff (Tariff). On May 26, 2017, pursuant to the authority delegated by the Commission's February 3, 2017 Order Delegating Further Authority to Staff in Absence of Quorum,³ MISO's proposed Tariff revisions were accepted for filing, suspended for a nominal period, to become effective June 1, 2017, as requested, subject to refund and further Commission order.⁴

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824d (2012).

² 18 C.F.R. pt. 35 (2017).

³ *Agency Operations in the Absence of a Quorum*, 158 FERC ¶ 61,135 (2017).

⁴ *Midcontinent Indep. Sys. Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER17-1303-000 (May 26, 2017) (delegated letter order).

2. As discussed below, in this further order, we accept MISO's proposed Tariff revisions, effective June 1, 2017.

3. MISO states that it filed the proposed revisions to modify its existing processes with its seams and coordinating partners to include flows resulting from bi-directional External Asynchronous Resources⁵ in the MISO market flow calculation under the baseline Congestion Management Process. MISO states that the proposed revisions to the baseline Congestion Management Process align the treatment of export External Asynchronous Resources with the treatment of import External Asynchronous Resources in MISO market flow.

4. MISO explains that currently, only large-scale hydro generation owned by Manitoba Hydro meets the definition of External Asynchronous Resource in the MISO footprint. MISO states that until 2015, this resource was a dispatchable import into the MISO footprint and included in MISO market flows. However, MISO states that in March 2015, bi-directional External Asynchronous Resources (both import and export) service was added for the MISO Balancing Authority, allowing exports to be dispatched to Manitoba Hydro. MISO states that changes to the Congestion Management Process to address the bi-directional External Asynchronous Resources have been ongoing since that time.

5. Notice of the filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 82 Fed. Reg. 16,180 (2017), with interventions and protests due on or before April 14, 2017. Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., and Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation filed timely motions to intervene. Manitoba Hydro filed a timely motion to intervene and comments in support of the filing.

6. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2017), the timely, unopposed motions to intervene serve to make the entities that filed them parties to this proceeding.

⁵ External Asynchronous Resource is specific to the MISO Tariff. MISO, FERC Electric Tariff, Module A, § 1.E "External Asynchronous Resource" (55.0.0).

7. We find that MISO's proposal is just and reasonable and therefore accept the proposed Tariff revisions, effective June 1, 2017, as requested.

By direction of the Commission.

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Deputy Secretary.