# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

v.

Docket No. EL13-88-000

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(June 2, 2015)

As announced in the notice issued on May 5, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a technical conference on June 15, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to explore issues raised in the complaint filed by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) against Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) related to the MISO-PJM Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) and the MISO-PJM seam. The conference will be held at the Commission's headquarters at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426 in the Commission Meeting Room. An updated agenda identifying panelists for this conference is attached.

The technical conference will not be transcribed. However, there will be a free webcast of the conference. The webcast will allow persons to listen to the technical conference, but not participate. Anyone with internet access who wants to listen to the conference can do so by navigating to the Calendar of Events at <a href="www.ferc.gov">www.ferc.gov</a> and locating the technical conference in the Calendar. The technical conference will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcast and offers the option of listening to the meeting via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <a href="www.CapitolConnection.org">www.CapitolConnection.org</a> or call 703-993-3100.

While the purpose of this conference is to discuss the matter pending before the Commission in Docket No. EL13-88 and is not for the purpose of discussing other specific cases, we note that the discussions at the conference may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceedings that are either pending or within their rehearing period:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The webcast will be available on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website www.ferc.gov for three months after the conference.

•	PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.	Docket No. ER13-1944
•	Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.	Docket No. ER13-1943
•	PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.	Docket No. ER13-1924
•	Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.	Docket No. ER13-1945
•	Entergy Services, Inc.	Docket No. ER13-1955
•	Cleco Power LLC	Docket No. ER13-1956
•	Southwest Power Pool, Inc.	Docket No. ER14-1174
•	Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.	Docket No. ER14-1736
•	Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.	Docket No. ER14-2445
•	Southwest Power Pool, Inc.	Docket No. ER13-1864
•	Southwest Power Pool, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.	
		Docket No. EL14-21

- Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Docket No. EL14-30
- Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

Docket No. EL11-34

• Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

Docket No. ER11-1844

Advance registration is strongly encouraged for all attendees. If you have not already done so, those who plan to attend may register in advance at the following webpage: <a href="https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/06-15-15-form.asp">https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/06-15-15-form.asp</a>. Attendees should allow time to pass through building security procedures before the 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) start time of the technical conference. In addition, information on this event will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's web site, <a href="www.ferc.gov">www.ferc.gov</a>, prior to the event.

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Following the technical conference, the Commission will consider post-technical conference comments submitted on or before July 15, 2015. Reply comments are due on or before August 5, 2015. The written comments will be included in the formal record of the proceeding, which, together with the record developed to date, will form the basis for further Commission action.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact Lina Naik, 202-502-8882, <a href="mailto:lina.naik@ferc.gov">lina.naik@ferc.gov</a>, regarding legal issues; or Jason Strong, 202-502-6124, <a href="mailto:jason.strong@ferc.gov">jason.strong@ferc.gov</a>, and Ben Foster, 202-502-6149, <a href="mailto:ben.foster@ferc.gov">ben.foster@ferc.gov</a>,

regarding technical issues; or Sarah McKinley, 202-502-8368, <u>sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov</u>, regarding logistical issues.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.



### Technical Conference on NIPSCO v. MISO and PJM Docket No. EL13-88-000 June 15, 2015

#### Agenda

<u>Conference Introduction</u>: Commission Staff (9:00am – 9:15am)

**Session 1:** Transmission Planning Cycles (9:15am – 10:15am)

Panelists should be prepared to discuss the issue of whether the Commission should require the MISO-PJM cross-border transmission planning process to run concurrently with the MISO and PJM regional transmission planning cycles, rather than after those regional transmission planning cycles, and to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: How could MISO and PJM modify their regional transmission planning cycles to better align with the MISO-PJM cross-border transmission planning process? What impact would this have on other regional and interregional transmission planning cycles (i.e., neighboring regions)? Should MISO and PJM use the same planning deadlines to achieve regional benefits from coordination of the cross-border transmission planning process? Discussion of these issues should focus on the MISO-PJM seam in general, and NIPSCO's location on the seam in particular.

Panelists: Matthew Holtz - Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Jesse Moser - MISO Steve Herling - PJM

Carol Stephan - Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Evan Wilcox - American Electric Power

## Session 2: Modeling and Criteria (10:15am – 11:15am)

Panelists should be prepared to describe the existing joint interregional transmission planning model used to evaluate cross-border transmission projects and to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: Are changes needed to this existing model or the assumptions used to enable coordinated study of proposed cross-border transmission projects? Should the Commission require MISO and PJM to use a single common set of criteria to evaluate cross-border transmission projects as proposed

by NIPSCO in the Complaint? In addition to the benefit metric, what other metrics do PJM and MISO consider in the evaluation of cross-border transmission projects? Should the Commission require that there be consistency between PJM's and MISO's regional transmission planning analyses such that both entities are consistent in their application of reliability criteria and modeling assumptions as proposed by NIPSCO in the Complaint? Discussion of these issues should focus on the MISO-PJM seam in general, and NIPSCO's location on the seam in particular.

Panelists: Matthew Holtz - Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Jesse Moser - MISO Paul McGlynn - PJM

Carol Stephan - Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Raja Sundararajan - American Electric Power

Brian Thumm - ITC Holdings Corp.

Ziya Kirman - EDP Renewables North America

<u>Lunch Break</u>: (11:15am – 12:15pm)

Session 3: Market-To-Market Payments (12:15pm – 1:30pm)

Panelists should be prepared to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: Should the Commission require MISO and PJM to amend the criteria to evaluate cross-border market efficiency transmission projects to address all known benefits, including avoidance of future market-to-market payments made to reallocate short-term transmission capacity in the real-time operation of the system as proposed by NIPSCO in the Complaint? Have MISO, PJM, and the market monitors identified trends in market-to-market payments that may be relevant to NIPSCO's position along the PJM-MISO seam? Is there a relationship between the cross-border transmission planning process (and evaluation of potential interregional transmission projects) and persistent market-to-market payments an indicator of the need for new transmission? Please provide examples of transmission projects that have been considered under the existing cross-border transmission planning process for the purpose of mitigating congestion and/or constraints that lead to persistent market-to-market payments but that have not been developed, and the reasons the transmission project was not developed.

Panelists: Matthew Holtz - Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Jesse Moser - MISO Kevin Sherd - MISO Timothy Horger - PJM Steve Naumann - Exelon

Break: (1:30pm-1:45pm)

#### Session 4: Lower Voltage Transmission Projects (1:45pm -2:45pm)

Panelists should be prepared to discuss the issue of whether the Commission should require MISO and PJM to have a process for joint transmission planning and cost allocation of lower voltage and lower cost cross-border upgrades, as proposed by NIPSCO in the Complaint, and to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: How would a lower voltage criteria align with current regional cost allocation methods? Are lower voltage transmission projects expected to provide region-wide or local benefits? Discussion of these issues should focus on the MISO-PJM seam in general, and NIPSCO's location on the seam in particular.

Panelists: Matthew Holtz - Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Jesse Moser - MISO Steve Herling - PJM Steven Naumann - Exelon

Omar Martino - EDF Renewable Energy

Tom Vitez - ITC Holdings Corp.

#### **Session 5:** Generator Interconnections and Retirements (2:45pm – 3:45pm)

Panelists should be prepared to discuss the issue of whether the Commission should require MISO and PJM to improve the processes within the MISO-PJM JOA with respect to new generator interconnections and generation retirements, as proposed by NIPSCO in the Complaint, and to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: What impact does the interconnection or retirement of external generation have on a neighboring region? How do MISO and PJM model new generation, or the retirement of existing generation, on a neighboring system? At what stage of the interconnection process do MISO and PJM share information or coordinate studies? How does the current process of studying external generation impact congestion? How do MISO and PJM share information about generator interconnections and retirements? What are the differences in timing between the two RTOs for sharing information about generator interconnections and retirements? Discussion of these issues should focus on the MISO-PJM seam in general, and NIPSCO's location on the seam in particular.

Panelists: Matthew Holtz - Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Jesse Moser - MISO Tim Aliff - MISO Paul McGlynn - PJM

Beth Soholt - Wind on the Wires

Steven Naumann - Exelon

Conference Conclusion: Next Steps (3:45pm – 4:00pm)