

Interregional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee (IPSAC)  
PJM Interconnection, L.L.C (PJM)  
Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)

Re: Interregional Transmission Planning  
Establishing Minimum Interregional Transfer Capability

By way of introduction, the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional State Committee (RSC) is made up of state utility commissioners within the SPP's RTO footprint. We have the responsibility for setting the regional reliability standards for SPP and, also, serve an advisory function similar to that of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) and the Organization of PJM States (OPSI).

Recently the Organization of OMS and OPSI sent to your committee a letter urging MISO and PJM to explore improving their joint long-range interregional transmission planning across their joint seam. Specifically, they encourage MISO and PJM to work together to: (1) engage in joint transmission modeling; (2) work with state regulators to determine reliability objectives and state policy objectives; and (3) leverage existing planning processes such as Long-Range Transmission Planning and Long-Term Regional Transmission Planning to take advantage of existing processes to plan new transmission holistically and manage this change. This letter is to indicate that the SPP RSC supports OMS and OPSI in their drive to encourage greater inter-regional coordination and planning.

In recent years the transfer of energy across the MISO-PJM seam has played a critical role in the reliability of our bulk electrical system. The SPP region has also leaned heavily on this transfer a capacity at critical times and the work that SPP and MISO have done to improve their interconnection has also allowed SPP to help support MISO and PJM and similar situations.

Recently, SPP adopted their forward looking blueprint known as the Grid of the Future Assessment and one of the major themes was "Inter-Regional Resource Adequacy and Resilience Coordination". Further, SPP has worked diligently to improve interregional connections with MISO with the development of their Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue effort, which has resulted in a novel and proactive approach to address delays in interconnection along their seam.

Therefore, given the significant benefits of improved inter-regional transfer across our neighboring RTOs and the commitment that SPP has made to that endeavor, we strongly encourage you to give thorough consideration to the urging of OMS and OPSI noted above.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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