

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Midwest Independent Transmission System) Docket No. ER11-3728-000
Operator, Inc.**

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF
THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the Rule 214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”), 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2010), and the Commission’s Notice of Filing of June 6, 2011, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“MPSC”) hereby submits its Notice of Intervention. The MPSC states as follows.

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE FILING

On June 3, 2011, the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”) filed a request for Commission approval of a proposed waiver of the Network Upgrade planning and cost allocation provisions of its Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff (“Tariff”) as part of Entergy Corporation and its Operating Companies’ (collectively, “Entergy”) integration into MISO. MISO requests that the waiver be made effective on August 1, 2011, and that the Commission take expedited action on this request on or before July 31, 2011 to “enable the relevant state regulators to perform, with reasonable certainty, an appropriate cost-benefit analysis of Entergy’s decision to join MISO, taking into account the Network Upgrade cost allocation rules that MISO will apply to Entergy.” Filing at 2.

In this filing, MISO requests a waiver for a limited period of certain Tariff provisions on the planning and cost allocation of Network Upgrades to allow a transition period for the integration into MISO of Network Upgrades in Entergy’s geographic area. Filing at 2. In

support of its requested waiver, MISO explains, that MISO's region will be classified into two planning areas: the Northern Planning Region, consisting of MISO's current footprint; and the Southern Planning Region, consisting of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. *Id.* at 4. MISO states that the proposed transition is necessary because MISO has not historically planned system upgrades in close coordination with Entergy. *Id.* MISO further explains that the proposed transition period will permit MISO “the opportunity to evaluate and determine whether the level of transmission infrastructure (as well as the associated congestion level) in the Southern Planning Region is sufficiently comparable to that of the Northern Planning Region to warrant the regional allocation across both Planning Regions of the costs of Network Upgrades terminating exclusively in one or the other Planning Region and to plan for any transmission expansion necessary to bring each planning region into a comparable state.” *Id.* In addition, MISO submits that “the proposed transition will help ensure that the allocation of the costs of Network Upgrades in MISO's Northern Planning Region or Southern Planning Region after Entergy's integration is appropriately commensurate to the benefits the upgrades bring to those who bear the costs.” *Id.* at 6.

II. NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

The MPSC is an agency of the State of Michigan created by 1939 Pub. Acts 3, Mich. Comp. Laws § 460.1 *et seq.* As the Michigan regulatory agency having jurisdiction and authority to control and regulate rates, charges, and conditions of service for the retail sale of electricity in the State, the MPSC is a “state commission” as defined in 16 U.S.C. § 796(15) and 18 C.F.R. § 1.101(k) (2010). Accordingly, the MPSC hereby provides its Notice of Intervention pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.214(a)(2)(2010).

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III. CONCLUSION

As set forth more fully above, the MPSC hereby provides its notice of intervention in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served, via electronic mail or first class mail, the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 24th day of June, 2011.

/s/ M. Denyse Zosa
