

Regional State Committee Meeting

August 23, 2019

Net Conference

3:00 p.m.

President Kim O'Guinn called the Regional State Committee (RSC) meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum were declared (Proxy – Attachment 1).

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The following members participated:

Shari Feist Albrecht, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)
Dana Shelton, Proxy for Foster Campbell, Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC)
Randel Christmann, North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC)
Kristie Fiegen, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC)
Dennis Grennan, Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB)
Geri Huser, Iowa Utilities Board (IUB)
Jason Chaplin, Proxy for Dana Murphy, Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC)
Kim O'Guinn, Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)
Scott Rupp, Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC)
DeAnn T. Walker, Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT)

Commissioner Albrecht reviewed the draft letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and comments which were provided by RSC members. (Letter with Comments – Attachment 2). The formality of the greeting was also discussed and it was decided that greeting provided was the most appropriate. Members of the RSC asked that there be footnotes listing the state that opposed the letter.

Commissioner Shari Albrecht moved to approve the letter to the FERC Chairman and Commissioners with the footnotes; Commissioner DeAnn Walker seconded. The motion was approved, with one no vote (Louisiana Public Service Commission)

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kandi Hughes

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COMMISSIONER O'GUINN

I am unable to participate in the SPP RSC telephone meeting on Friday. I am requesting that Dana Shelton, special counsel to the LPSC, participate on my behalf and carry my proxy on the issues expected to come up for a vote. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Disclaimer: This document is a draft and the information contained herein is subject to change and is currently undergoing review by the RSC. If the RSC approve to submit a letter in support of the OMS comments, the final version will be published.

On August XX, 2019, the Organization of MISO States (“OMS”) submitted comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Docket No. PL19-3-000. The Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee supports the OMS regarding the granting of incentives based on interregional project characteristics. The granting of such incentives, while worthwhile in some instances, should not be automatic, and there may be better methods of encouraging these projects.

The Commission should not create a specific, automatic incentive for interregional projects as interregional projects fit neatly within the Commission’s current risks and challenges framework and can be analyzed on a case-by-case basis in order to encourage their development. The Commission should ensure that cost allocation methodologies are in place that recognize all of the benefits from interregional transmission projects, including delivered cost of energy and to allocate the costs to all who benefit.¹

Further, the interregional planning process may be a better place than incentives policy to start looking for openings to encourage interregional transmission development. For example, recently the OMS and the SPP RSC have begun to analyze whether further improvements to the planning processes of their respective regions might be needed in order to benefit ratepayers, especially as it relates to overcoming issues with identifying beneficial interregional projects along RTO seams.²

¹ Comments of Joints Commenters at 53.

² Seams Coordination Effort <https://www.misostates.org/index.php/work-products/seams-coordination-effort>.