

Mission Statement

The MISO Cities and Communities Coalition (MISOCCC) is a coalition of communities¹ across the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) footprint that coordinates collective action to further the individual clean energy, economic development, decarbonization, affordability, and grid reliability goals of participating communities through engagement with MISO leadership, its staff, its stakeholders, and other entities. MISOCCC serves to facilitate peer to peer learning of its members, provide educational opportunities from industry experts, and to form partnerships and collaborations with similarly aligned interests.

Scope

MISOCCC members work on behalf of their constituents and are at the forefront of energy and climate issues. They are both large energy buyers and representatives of their constituents' interests. As such, they offer a unique perspective on MISO issues and can elevate the importance of and attention to regional electricity market and transmission planning issues that will directly affect their ability to achieve their individual and collective goals.

MISOCCC is focused on accelerating deployment of clean energy technologies throughout the MISO region, specifically within and/or to serve member communities, to enhance grid reliability and resilience and to support regional decarbonization efforts through engagement with MISO, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, utilities and other stakeholders.

MISOCCC specifically supports MISO actions that:

- Ensure local governments equitably participate in key decision-making processes along with other MISO stakeholders, groups, and interests who have not historically been engaged in the MISO stakeholder process;
- Further an equitable energy system in our communities;
- Focus on maintaining access, transparency, and accountability in MISO governance and operations;
- Expand deployment of and access to low-carbon energy resources and transmission grid infrastructure;
- Enhance the ability of local governments and their community partners to participate in MISO's markets including via aggregated local distributed energy resource deployment;
- Enhance grid reliability and resilience;
- Maximize the value of new clean energy technologies for consumers including but not limited to energy storage.

¹ For the purposes of coalition membership, the term "community" is defined as city governments, county governments, tribal nations, regional planning commissions, etc.