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STATEMENT: MISOCCC Celebrates Consequential FERC Rule

These changes will help communities achieve their midcentury electrification goals

MINNEAPOLIS -- The following statement was issued by GPI's MISO Cities and Communities Coalition (MISOCCC), a network of communities across the MISO footprint bringing forward the voice of local interests to regional energy grid management:

"The MISO Cities and Communities Coalition (MISOCCC) applauds a new federal rule requiring electric transmission providers to consider how local policies will impact the future energy grid.

"On May 13, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a new rule that will help communities across the country achieve their goals to increase wind and solar production and electrify buildings and vehicles in order to lower carbon emissions, minimize harmful pollutants, and foster economic growth.

"FERC's rule requires transmission providers to plan transmission at least 20 years into the future and consider how utility, state, and local policies may impact future generation and energy demand. This shift to forward-looking transmission planning will enable greater access to renewable energy resources, maximize the value of distributed energy resources, and accommodate electrification.

"MISOCCC's regional transmission planner, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), is a leader in this type of transmission planning. MISO's Long Range Transmission Planning process has already delivered a portfolio of transmission projects based on state and utility decarbonization goals.

"More work will be needed to incorporate local policies into MISO's planning process and ensure the benefits of long-range planning are provided for all communities in the MISO region, including those in the South where future projects are expected to be planned.

"While FERC only requires transmission providers to consider local laws and regulations, MISOCCC recommends local goals and programs are also included in MISO's planning process, just as state goals are, to fully incorporate the ways local efforts will influence the future proliferation of distributed energy resources, shift in energy demand, and location of utility-scale renewable projects.

"Communities are important stakeholders in transmission planning as they seek to achieve local energy goals and benefit from hosting society's energy infrastructure. MISOCCC



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appreciates MISO’s efforts and looks forward to working with MISO and stakeholders to incorporate local policies and goals into MISO’s planning process.”

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About the MISO Cities and Communities Coalition (MISOCCC): GPI’s MISO Cities and Communities Coalition (MISOCCC) is a coalition of communities across the MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator) footprint. MISOCCC coordinates collective action to further the individual goals of participating communities through engagement with MISO leadership, its staff and stakeholders, and other entities. Participating communities’ goals focus on clean energy, economic development, decarbonization, affordability, and grid reliability. MISOCCC facilitates peer-to-peer learning of its members, provides educational opportunities from industry experts, and forms partnerships and collaborations with similarly aligned interests.

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