

Ameren Compliance

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Overview

Ameren is committed to cooperate fully with the Transmission Service Provider¹ (the Midwest ISO) to assure non-discriminatory treatment for Generation Owners, adjacent Transmission Owners, Load Serving Entities, and Distribution Providers and to execute all direct responsibilities as a Transmission Owner and Transmission Planner in a non-discriminatory manner. Ameren is also committed to cooperate fully with the Transmission Service Provider to assure the planning process is coordinated, open, and transparent.

Midwest ISO Members – Planning Process

As an RTO subject to Order No. 2000, the Midwest ISO uses a planning process focused on providing non-discriminatory service, reliability and economically-efficient use of the transmission system. Using a “top down” view for longer term regional analysis, and a “bottom up” component for local system near-term and reliability requirements, the Midwest ISO Transmission Expansion Plan (“MTEP”) process has resulted in MTEP 06, with MTEP 07 and MTEP 08 currently under parallel development. MTEP 08, to be released in October 2008, will use scenario planning with a longer term planning horizon to incorporate the significant risk factors and competing policies that drive transmission investment decisions in today’s industry.

The Midwest ISO planning process has evolved into a regional process involving a diverse stakeholder group that generally supports both the process and the regional cost allocation methodology. Each step in the Midwest ISO planning process is “interactive” in the sense that stakeholder groups and committees work closely with Midwest ISO planning staff throughout the process. Using non-disclosure agreements and publicly available economic data, the Midwest ISO is able to obtain the participation of divergent stakeholder interests and incorporate their views in the planning process. Similarly, the development of the cost allocation methodology for regional reliability projects, subsequently approved by the Commission, was arrived at through a consensus exercise that required cooperation and concession by all affected groups.

More information on the Midwest ISO planning process may be found on the Midwest ISO website (www.midwestiso.org).

¹ All capitalized terms refer to definitions from the Glossary of Terms on the NERC Website (NERC.com)

Ameren Transmission Planning Process

Under the Midwest ISO Transmission Owners Agreement, Ameren conducts “bottom-up,” local planning to identify improvements that are necessary to ensure the adequacy and reliability of the company’s transmission system for the benefit of all interconnected entities and transmission customers that utilize Ameren’s transmission facilities to receive transmission service.

In addition to cooperating with the efforts of the Midwest ISO and fulfillment of “bottom-up” local planning for inclusion in Midwest ISO analyses, Ameren conducts independent annual assessments of the transmission system for near-term and long-term conditions. These assessments meet or exceed the requirements of NERC Planning Standards. Results of these assessments, including information on planned transmission projects, are provided to Midwest ISO and SERC on an annual basis and are available to all stakeholders. Ameren planning assessments are included in ISO and RRO reports and are filed with FERC. Ameren’s approved transmission projects are posted by the Midwest ISO. The posting is updated every six months.

Ameren’s local planning process is also structured to provide comparable, non-discriminatory treatment to all stakeholders. Ameren takes additional, direct action, via numerous avenues to coordinate and communicate with all affected parties within its footprint. Ameren schedules annual network operating committee meetings and load analysis meetings with Distribution Planners, Load Serving Entities, and Network Integration Transmission Service customers to coordinate with these entities so as to meet their transmission supply requirements. Ameren also participates in bilateral and multilateral studies with interconnected and neighboring Transmission Owners on an ad hoc basis. Ameren conducts public workshops covering all significant transmission additions. Ameren also holds ad hoc meetings with the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, as well as local planning and zoning commissions to keep them informed on transmission plans within their jurisdiction.