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Midwest ISO Functions and Stakeholder Process

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- The Midwest ISO was formed almost 15 years ago by a “TO agreement” among its Transmission Owning members.
- The Midwest ISO is a not-for-profit corporation. It is managed by its officers and a staff of about 600 employees, who are responsible to a Board of Directors.
 - The Board of Directors regularly meets six times a year via committee meetings and a full Board meeting.
 - The Board is elected by the members of the RTO, but must maintain FERC’s standards of independence from market participants and from RTO management.
- The TO Agreement provides for participation of nine “industry sectors.”
- The members of those sectors are referred to as stakeholders because they have business or policy interest in the operation of the Midwest ISO.

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Seats</u>
Transmission Owners	3
Coordination Member	1
Municipal and Cooperative Utilities / Other Transmission Dependent Utilities	3
Independent Power Producers / Exempt Wholesale Generators	3
Power Marketers/Brokers	3
Eligible End-Use Customers	3
State Regulatory Authorities	3
Public Consumer Group	2
Environmental/Other Stakeholder Groups	2

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- The TO Agreement created the Advisory Committee as a forum where the stakeholders can give advice to the Board of Directors and the Midwest ISO officers and staff.
 - The Advisory Committee meets monthly.
 - There are 23 members of the committee, two or three from each of the nine industry sectors. Some may attend by telephone. Alternates and proxies are allowed to substitute for a member.
 - The OMS Vice-President, Secretary, and At-Large Member serve as Advisory Committee members for the State Regulatory Authorities sector.
 - The format of these meetings may include a “Hot Topic” question. Each industry sector may present a paper giving its views on that topic. The Board and officers discuss the presentations with the members.
 - The Advisory Committee also conducts other business, including reports from Midwest ISO management, from subcommittees, and from others.

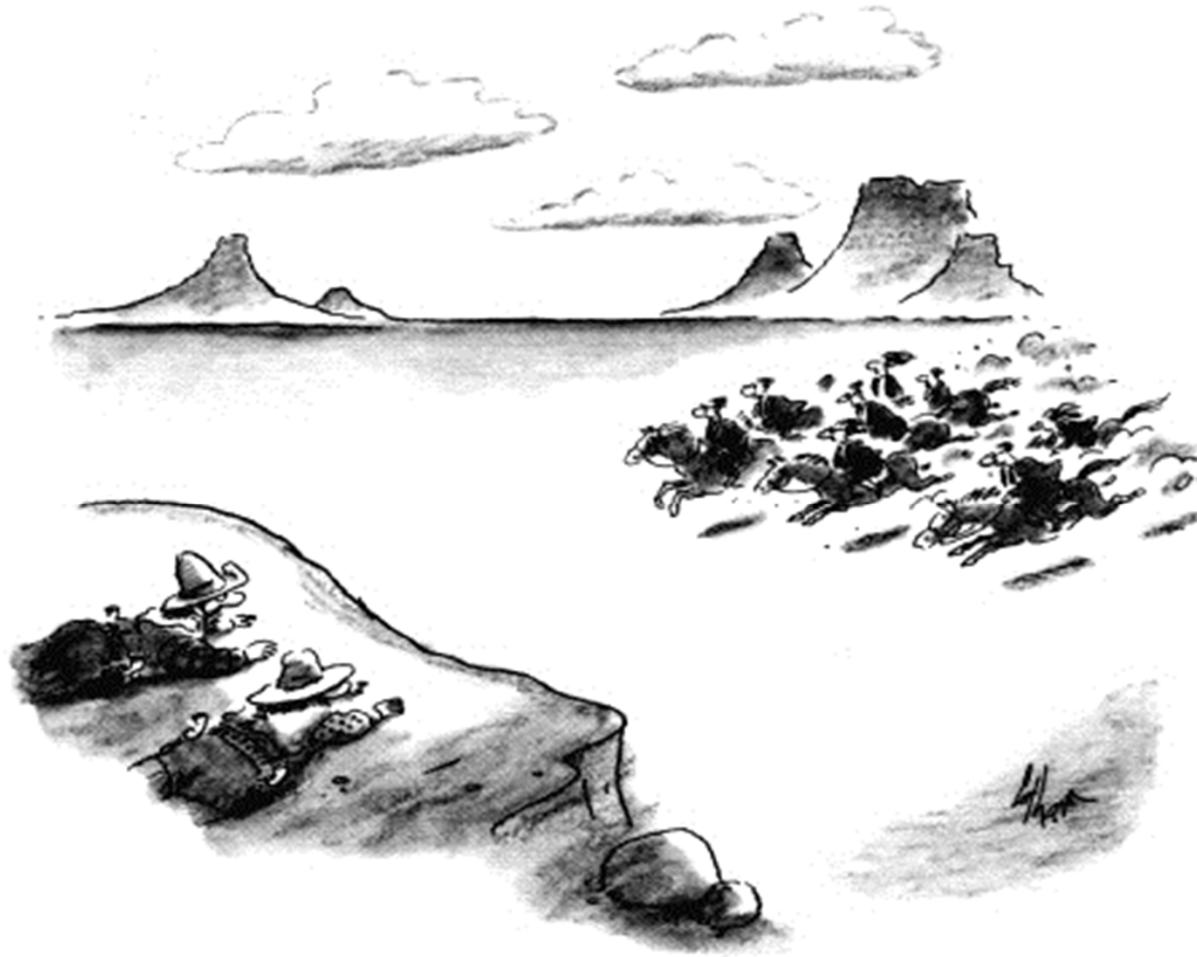
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- Midwest ISO’s “Meeting Week,” usually the third week of a month, includes the Advisory Committee meeting, the Board of Directors meeting, and Board committee meetings every other month.
- Midwest ISO Committee meetings follow Robert’s Rules of Order and the Midwest ISO Governance Guide:
<https://www.midwestiso.org/Library/Repository/Meeting%20Material/Stakeholder/Governance%20Guide%20Approved%2020100818.pdf>
- Other stakeholder committees are held throughout the month, often on fixed days (i.e. “first Tuesday).”
 - There are about 30 stakeholder groups, all led by stakeholders. See <https://www.midwestiso.org/StakeholderCenter/CommitteesWorkGroupsTaskForces/Pages/CommitteesWorkGroupsTaskForces.aspx>
 - Their work is coordinated by a steering committee.

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- Any member of the Midwest ISO or regulatory can participate in other subcommittee, working group, or task force meetings and propose and vote on proposals.
- Participating in lower entities provides a better opportunity to propose direction and content of changes.

Questions?



"I don't think it's a posse—it looks more like a subcommittee."

Reference Section–Service Contracts

- Very short (5-7 pages) two-party contract
- Is a “blank check” that FERC fills in
- “Service under this Agreement ...will be determined in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Tariff.”
- FERC approved tariff (>4,200 pages)
 - Modules A-F, Schedules 1-36 (49), Attachments (56), Rate Schedules 1-30 (24)

Reference Section–TO Agreement

- Transmission Owners Agreement
 - Rate Schedule 1 (188 pgs)
 - Spells out structure of Midwest ISO
 - Binds transmission owners to Midwest ISO
 - Defers to FERC
 - “In the event of a conflict between this Agreement, including any appendices, and the Tariff, the Tariff shall prevail as the intent of the signatories.”

Reference Section–Other documents

- Business Practices Manuals
 - Provides details on what Midwest ISO does
 - 20 manuals (>3,200 pages)
- Normal, Abnormal, Emergency Operating procedures
- See Midwest ISO web site under Library