



December 6, 2023

Mr. John Bear, Chief Executive Office
Mid-Continent Independent System Operator, Inc.
701 City Center Drive
Carmel, IN 46032

MISO Board of Directors:

Ms. Phillis Currie, Ms. Jody Davids, Mr. Trip Doggett, Mr. Mark Johnson, Ms. Barbara Krumsiek, Ms. Nancy Lange, Mr. Robert Lurie, Mr. Todd Raba, and Ms. Theresa Wise

Dear Mr. Bear and the MISO Board of Directors:

We appreciate MISO for approving Tranche 1 transmission lines resulting from the Long-Range Transmission Plan process. These critical lines will improve reliability in MISO territory, bolster resilience and save customers money.

We recognize the amount of time and resources that MISO has dedicated to this ongoing process. As you know, MISO's work expanding the regional grid in our states is not done. We must quickly move forward to approve the next sets of lines in MISO Midwest, Tranche 2.

MISO is responsible for maintaining a reliable and resilient grid while keeping costs down and respecting states' authority to achieve their own energy policies. Approving Tranche 2 without delay will help us build a robust regional grid providing broad access to lower-cost electricity generated from clean energy to our residents.

A robust transmission expansion plan and its corresponding buildout is necessary for reliability and resilience, especially as we experience more frequent and extreme weather events due to climate change. During severe weather events, regional and interregional transmission have proven essential and invaluable – saving money and lives. We request MISO to not only complete Tranche 2 as soon as possible but also to engage with surrounding transmission

organizations to design an interregional grid that allows these three organizations to help each other during extreme weather events.

There has been a months-long robust stakeholder process to identify an appropriate Tranche 2 portfolio. We request the MISO Board act urgently to identify the grid infrastructure we need for a reliable, affordable grid within its borders and with its neighboring regional transmission organizations.

Sincerely,



Tim Walz
Governor of Minnesota



J.B. Pritzker
Governor of Illinois



Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan