November 18, 2022

The Honorable Richard Glick  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Cost Recovery of MISO Annual Meeting to be Held in Florida

Dear Chairman Glick:

Despite the fact that the Midcontinent Independent System Operator’s (“MISO”) footprint covers 15 states and one Canadian province, the grid operator has decided to hold its crucial Board of Directors and Advisory Committee annual meeting nearly 600 miles outside of its service territory, at a Ritz Carlton resort in Orlando, Florida.

It is not just and reasonable to allow MISO to recover costs from ratepayers of a critically important annual meeting that is held hundreds of miles away from its stakeholders and ratepayers at a luxury resort. Families throughout MISO are struggling to retain access to utility service as millions struggle with energy poverty due to rising utility bills. It is not only terrible optics for MISO to hold an election for its Board of Directors hundreds of miles away from any MISO customers, but a violation of the Federal Power Act’s just and reasonable mandate.

We ask that FERC initiate an audit of MISO’s cost-recovery expenses related to its annual meeting at the Ritz Carlton, and deny MISO the ability to recover any expenses related to the meeting.

Finally, we have attempted to locate the contact information of the MISO Board of Directors so that we could copy them on this letter. However, to date we have been unable to obtain the contact information for any members of the Board of Directors. MISO apparently does not publish this information on its website, and in response to our inquiry by phone to MISO’s Carmel Headquarters, we were simply redirected to MISO’s website. We are dismayed by this lack of transparency and accountability and request the Commission’s assistance in rectifying it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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