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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Midcontinent Independent System
Operator, Inc.
Docket No. ER16-1758-001

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
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Carmel, IN 46032-7574

Attention: Jeffrey L. Small

Dear Mr. Small:

1. On September 14, 2016, pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA)¹ and part 35 of the Commission's regulations,² Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) filed proposed revisions to its Open Access Transmission, Energy, and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff (Tariff) to comply with the requirements of the Commission's August 2016 Order³ regarding modifications to the System Support Resource (SSR)⁴ provisions of MISO's Tariff (September 2016 Compliance Filing). We

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824d (2012).

² 18 C.F.R. pt. 35 (2016).

³ *Midcontinent Indep. Sys. Operator, Inc.*, 156 FERC ¶ 61,116 (2016) (August 2016 Order).

⁴ MISO's Tariff defines SSRs as "Generation Resources or Synchronous Condenser Units (SCUs) that have been identified in Attachment Y – Notification to this Tariff and are required by the Transmission Provider for reliability purposes, to be operated in accordance with the procedures described in Section 38.2.7 of this Tariff." MISO, FERC Electric Tariff, Module A, § 1.S "System Support Resource (SSR)" (42.0.0).

accept the September 2016 Compliance Filing, subject to condition,⁵ effective August 22, 2016, as discussed below.

2. On May 23, 2016, in Docket No. ER16-1758-000, MISO submitted proposed revisions to the SSR provisions of MISO's Tariff to incorporate adjustments identified from its experience implementing its SSR provisions from the initial SSR filing to the present, and to adjust for best practices (Original Filing). In the August 2016 Order, the Commission accepted in part, subject to condition, and rejected in part MISO's proposed revisions, effective August 22, 2016. The Commission directed MISO to: (1) remove language related to the retention and transfer of interconnection service, including language in section 38.2.7.a.i referencing the replacement of a generation resource with another generation resource at the identical point of interconnection;⁶ (2) remove proposed language in section 38.2.7.e that suggested a restriction of the cost refund provisions;⁷ (3) revise section 38.2.7.c to re-insert the word "the" which was missing from the Original Filing;⁸ and (4) correct typographical errors in the letter headings of the *pro forma* SSR Agreement in Attachment Y-1.⁹

3. Notice of MISO's September 2016 Compliance Filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 81 Fed. Reg. 64,891 (2016) with protests and interventions due on or before October 5, 2016. None was filed.

4. We accept the September 2016 Compliance Filing, effective August 22, 2016, subject to condition. In the September 2016 Compliance Filing, MISO submits proposed Tariff sheets to comply with the Commission's four directives in the August 2016 Order noted above. We determine that these revisions comply with the August 2016 Order with one exception explained below. As part of the September 2016 Compliance Filing, MISO proposes to delete the fifth paragraph of section 38.2.7.a.i and to move it to the end of the sixth paragraph of section 38.2.7.a.i, as shown below:

⁵ The Commission can revise a proposal under section 205 of the FPA as long as the filing utility accepts the change. *See City of Winnfield*, 744 F.2d 871, 875-77 (D.C. Cir. 1984). The filing utility is free to indicate that it is unwilling to accede to the Commission's conditions by withdrawing its filing.

⁶ August 2016 Order, 156 FERC ¶ 61,116 at P 51.

⁷ *Id.* P 57.

⁸ *Id.* P 60.

⁹ *Id.* P 67.

~~The following exceptions apply to the Generation Suspension, Generation Retirement and System Support Resource (SSR) provisions in Section 38.2.7:~~

The owner of a Generation Resource and SCU that requests a Generator Planned Outage or submits a Generator Forced Outage through the Transmission Provider's outage scheduling system (Control Room Operations Window – CROW or its successor) does not need to submit an Attachment Y Notice to the Transmission Provider if the request does not involve a change of status to Retire or Suspend, and the Generation Suspension, Generation Retirement and System Support Resource (SSR) provisions in Section [sic] 38.2.7 do not apply.¹⁰

5. This is a modification to the Tariff that was not previously proposed by MISO nor directed by the Commission in the August 2016 Order. Accordingly, we direct MISO to revise the proposed fifth paragraph of section 38.2.7.a.i to read as follows:

The following exception applies to the Generation Suspension, Generation Retirement and System Support Resource (SSR) provisions in Section 38.2.7: The owner of a Generation Resource and SCU that requests a Generator Planned Outage or submits a Generator Forced Outage through the Transmission Provider's outage scheduling system (Control Room Operations Window – CROW or its successor) does not need to submit an Attachment Y Notice to the Transmission Provider if the request does not involve a change of status to Retire or Suspend.

MISO is directed to make a compliance filing with such correction within 30 days of the date of this order.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

¹⁰ MISO, FERC Electric Tariff, Generation Suspension, Generation Retirement, and System Sup, § 38.2.7.a.i, Generator or SCU Notification of Change in Status (48.0.0).