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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
FERC Docket No. ER15-____-000
Filing of Amended and Restated Generator Interconnection Agreement
PUBLIC VERSION

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”), 16 U.S.C. § 824d, and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC” or “Commission”) regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 35.13 (2014), the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”) hereby respectfully submits an Amended and Restated Generator Interconnection Agreement (“Interconnection Agreement”) among **Settlers Trail Wind Farm, LLC**, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (“Interconnection Customer”), and **Ameren Services Company** as agent for **Ameren Illinois Company** d/b/a **Ameren Illinois**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (“Transmission Owner”) and **MISO** (“Transmission Provider”). MISO has designated the Interconnection Agreement as Third Revised Service Agreement No. 2165 under MISO’s FERC Electric Tariff, Vol. No. 1 Fifth Revised (“Tariff”). MISO has designated this project as Project No. G931 expanded by Project No. J276 in its interconnection queue. A non-public version of the Interconnection Agreement containing pages designated as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”) is being provided under separate cover as explained below.

I. OVERVIEW OF FILING

On April 8, 2011, MISO submitted an unexecuted Amended and Restated Generator Interconnection Agreement among the Parties (“Amended Agreement”) in Docket No. ER11-3326-000. On June 10, 2011, the Commission issued an Order conditionally accepting the agreement for filing and directing a compliance filing.¹

Subsequently, MISO submitted two compliance filings on July 11, 2011 and May 17, 2013 in Docket No. ER11-3326. On July 17, 2014, the Commission issued an Order on rehearing and compliance.²

The Interconnection Customer’s Network Resource Interconnection Service is being increased pursuant to project J276 and the results of the Definitive Planning Phase-2014-FEB-IL Group System Impact Study.

The body of the attached Interconnection Agreement conforms to the current *pro forma* Generator Interconnection Agreement (“*pro forma* GIA”) and contains the revisions conditionally accepted by the Commission on December 19, 2013 in Docket No. ER12-309-005. Additionally, the body of the *pro forma* GIA contains pending language filed with the Commission in Docket Nos. ER12-309-006 and ER14-2562-001.

Accordingly, MISO asks that the Commission accept the Interconnection Agreement subject to any subsequent revisions to be accepted by the Commission in Docket Nos. ER12-309 and ER14-2562, *et al.*

II. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN THIS FILING

The documents being submitted with this filing include this transmittal letter and a public and non-public version of the Interconnection Agreement in accordance with the parties’ designation of the diagrams contained in this filing as CEII under the Commission’s rules, 18 C.F.R. §§ 388.112 & 388.113 (2011). Pursuant to the Commission’s Notice Announcing New Combined Notice of Filings, issued on May 13, 2005, and the Commission’s subsequent listing on its website, no form of notice is required under 18 C.F.R. § 35.8 (2011).³ The Parties have designated diagrams of their interconnection in Exhibits A1-1, A1-2, A2-1, A2-2, A3, and A4 as CEII.

MISO hereby requests confidential treatment of the CEII contained in Exhibits A1-1, A1-2, A2-1, A2-2, A3, and A4 of the non-public version of the Interconnection Agreement enclosed pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 388.12. The CEII has been marked according to the Commission’s instructions.

¹ *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*, 135 FERC ¶ 61,222 (2011) (“June 10 Order”).

² *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*, 148 FERC ¶ 61,047 (2014) (“July 17 Order”).

³ See Documents and Filings, Notice Formats, available at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/not-form.asp>.

The Parties assert that Exhibits A1-1, A1-2, A2-1, A2-2, A3, and A4 qualify as CEII pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 388.113(c)(1) for the following reasons: the diagrams attached to the Interconnection Agreement are system maps that provide specific detailed design information about existing critical transmission system infrastructure. The Exhibits are exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. Members of the public can obtain access to the Exhibits by complying with the Commission's procedures per 18 C.F.R. § 388.113.

Accordingly, MISO requests confidential treatment of the non-public version of this filing as CEII pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 388.12. MISO submits a non-public version of this agreement under separate cover.

The documents being submitted with this filing include this transmittal letter;

Tab A: Clean copy of the Public Interconnection Agreement;

Tab B: Redlined copy of the Interconnection Agreement reflecting changes as compared to the *Pro Forma*⁴;

Tab C: Redlined copy of the Public Interconnection Agreement reflecting changes as compared to the Public Amended Agreement; and

Tab D: CEII Protective Agreement.

III. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

MISO respectfully requests that the Commission waive its sixty (60) day notice requirement as required by Section 35.3(a) of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 35.3(a), and make this Interconnection Agreement effective as of February 20, 2015.⁵ The Parties have indicated their intention for and support of an effective date of February 20, 2015. MISO requests that the February 20, 2015 date be used to provide certainty to the Parties as to the status of the agreement. To the extent that the Commission determines that any requirements of 18 C.F.R. § 35 apply that have not been specifically addressed herein, the MISO respectfully requests waiver of such requirements.

⁴ MISO has highlighted for the Commission the language that is currently pending before the Commission in Docket No. ER12-309-006 and ER14-2562-001.

⁵ The Commission's policy permits waivers of the 60-day prior notice of filing requirement in the case of a non-rate change to the terms and conditions of a Commission-accepted Rate Schedule. See *Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.*, 60 FERC ¶ 61,106, *reh'g denied*, 61 FERC ¶ 61,189 (1992).

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

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V. NOTICE AND SERVICE

MISO notes that it has served a copy of this filing electronically, including attachments, upon all Tariff Customers under the Tariff, MISO Members, Member representatives of Transmission Owners and Non-Transmission Owners, MISO Advisory Committee participants, as well as all state commissions within the Region. The filing has been posted electronically on MISO's website at <https://www.misoenergy.org/Library/FERCFilingsOrders/Pages/FERCFilings.aspx> for other interested parties in this matter. In addition, MISO has served a copy of this filing electronically on all parties to this agreement.

VI. CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, MISO respectfully requests that the Commission accept for filing this Interconnection Agreement and grant the proposed effective date of February 20, 2015, and grant waiver of any Commission regulations not addressed herein that the Commission may deem applicable to this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jacob T. Krouse

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Attachment