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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. ER16-____-000
Filing of an 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 35.12 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC” or “Commission”) regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 35.12 (2016), the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”) hereby respectfully submits an Amended and Restated Generator Interconnection Agreement (“Interconnection Agreement”) among **Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency**, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (“Interconnection Customer” with a Generating Facility), **Cedar Falls Utilities**, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Iowa (“Transmission Owner”) and **MISO** (“Transmission Provider”). MISO has designated the Interconnection Agreement as First Revised Service Agreement No. 2900 under MISO’s FERC Electric Tariff, Vol. No. 1 Fifth Revised (“Tariff”). MISO has designated this project as Project No. J329 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 March 4, 2016, MISO filed the original Interconnection Agreement (“Original Agreement”) in Docket No. ER16-1081-000. On April 21, 2016, the Commission issued a Letter Order accepting the Original Agreement, effective March 5, 2016, as requested, subject to the outcome of ER16-696 *et al.*

The Interconnection Studies for the Interconnection Customer are now complete. This Interconnection Agreement removes the provisional status of the Original Agreement, and therefore is being filed with the Commission because this change represents an amendment to the Original Agreement.

The Interconnection Agreement submitted herein will supersede and replace the Original Agreement as of the Proposed Effective Date. Therefore, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission accept this Interconnection Agreement as of the proposed effective date requested below.

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 (2016). 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 (2016).¹ The Parties have designated diagrams of their interconnection in Exhibits A1-1, A2 and A3 as CEII.

MISO hereby requests confidential treatment of the CEII contained in Exhibits A1-1, A2 and A3 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.

The Parties assert that Exhibits A1-1, A2 and A3 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.

¹ See Documents and Filings, Notice Formats, available at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/not-form.asp>.

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

Tab A: Clean copy of the Interconnection Agreement;

Tab B: Redlined copy of the Interconnection Agreement reflecting changes as compared to the Original Agreement ²; and

Tab C: 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 May 28, 2016.³ The Parties have indicated their intention for and support of an effective date of May 28, 2016. MISO requests that the May 28, 2016, 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.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence, pleadings and other materials regarding this filing should be addressed to the following persons:

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² MISO has highlighted for the Commission the language that is currently pending before the Commission in Docket No. ER16-696-000.

³ 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).

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 May 28, 2016, and grant waiver of any Commission regulations not addressed herein that the Commission may deem applicable to this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Matt Harnish

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Attachment