



# SECTOR GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

## State Regulatory Authorities Sector

### Business Model/Who We Are

The State Regulatory Authorities (“SRA”) sector is made up of the state and local utility regulators that are members of the Organization of MISO States (“OMS”).

The SRA sector has seventeen members:

- Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Illinois Commerce Commission
- Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
- Iowa Utilities Board
- Kentucky Public Service Commission
- Louisiana Public Service Commission
- Manitoba Public Utilities Board
- Michigan Public Service Commission
- Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- Mississippi Public Service Commission
- Missouri Public Service Commission
- Montana Public Service Commission
- The Council of the City of New Orleans
- North Dakota Public Service Commission
- South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
- Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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### Criteria for Membership

The criteria for SRA membership is the same for OMS membership. OMS membership is defined by Article II of the OMS [bylaws](#) as follows:

- those that regulate the retail electricity or distribution rates of transmission-owning members or transmission-dependent utility members of the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO), or
- those that are the primary regulatory authority responsible for siting electric transmission facilities in states, or provinces where there are transmission-owning members of the MISO; and
- the City of New Orleans, to the extent it is authorized to regulate the retail electricity or distribution rates of transmission-owning members or transmission-dependent utility members of the MISO

and/or is the primary regulatory authority responsible for siting electric transmission facilities within its boundaries where there are transmission-owning members of the MISO.

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## Additional Information

### Sector Participation:

The OMS is governed by a set of bylaws that defines membership, governance, and defines how the organization is managed by a Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

- **Leadership**  
The OMS is lead by a board of directors as defined in Article IV of the OMS bylaws. Each member of OMS may designate one Commissioner to serve on the board of directors.

The Officers of the OMS are defined as:

- President
- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- At-large member
- Immediate past-president

All Officer positions are elected at the Annual Meeting for a term lasting 1 calendar year. The secretary and treasurer can serve for more than 1 consecutive term.

- **Meetings**  
Meetings of the OMS Board of Director and Executive Committee are required to be open, as defined by Article XIII of the OMS bylaws. All meetings shall be conducted in a manner that will allow fullest possible participation by the Members.

The SRA sector also utilizes staff-led working groups to develop positions for consideration by the OMS Board of Directors. These meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

- **Voting**  
A position approved by a majority of the OMS Board of Directors may be issued as the organization's position as described in Article IV.8 of the OMS bylaws. This means that 9 members of OMS must support a position for approval.

### Advisory Committee:

- **Representation**  
The SRA sector's representation is defined in the OMS bylaws Article V.3. The lead representative will be the OMS Vice-President. Other representatives include the OMS Secretary and At-Large member. The Entergy Regional State Committee (ERSC) selects one of its members to serve as the fourth representative of the SRA sector.

The SRA has a policy of using other OMS board members as alternates on a volunteer basis. When needed, Commission staff will serve as alternates for an AC representative from their regulatory agency.

- Hot Topic Papers (including minority positions)  
The SRA approves Hot Topic papers by a majority vote (9 members) and includes individual state and minority positions in accordance with OMS bylaws:

Individual Member authorities retain all rights to object to, support, or otherwise comment on, issue statements of the Organization, including the attachment of a minority report or dissenting opinion....

Planning Advisory Committee:

- Representation  
The SRA sector is represented by the At-Large Member of the OMS Executive Committee.