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## UNIVERSAL PLANNING NON-DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT FOR AUTHORIZED AGENCIES

This Universal Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and effective as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the "Effective Date"), by and between Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") and \_\_\_\_\_, ("Authorized Agency") whose principal offices are located at \_\_\_\_\_. MISO and Authorized Agency each may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, MISO is prepared to disclose confidential information under this Agreement to Authorized Agency in connection with the directives under Order No. 890 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to provide for an open planning process (the "Purpose");

WHEREAS, Authorized Agency represents that it desires to receive confidential information pursuant to this Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, MISO and Authorized Agency desire to set forth in writing the terms and conditions of their agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, representations and agreements contained in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties incorporate and adopt as part of this Agreement the three (3) WHEREAS clarification clauses contained above and further agree as follows:

1. **Authorized Agency.** "Authorized Agency" as used in this Agreement means (i) a State public utility commission within the geographic limits of the Transmission Provider Region that regulates the distribution or supply of electricity to retail customers or is legally charged with monitoring the operation of wholesale or retail markets serving retail suppliers or customers within its State; (ii) the Organization of MISO States or any successor organization, formed to act as a regional state committee within the Transmission Provider Region; or (iii) a state agency that has both access to documents in the possession of a state public utility commission pursuant to state statute and the ability to protect those documents in accordance with the Non-Disclosure Agreement.

2. **Confidential Information.** "Confidential Information" as used in this Agreement means all information disclosed to Authorized Agency by MISO or its employees, agents, contractors, representatives, consultants and advisors (collectively "Disclosing Party") in connection with the Purpose. Confidential Information includes, without limitation, (i) any and all business, technical, marketing, financial or other information, whether in electronic, oral or written form; (ii) trade secrets, business plans, techniques, methods, or systems, data, know-how, formulae, compositions, designs, sketches, mock-ups, prototypes, photographs, charts, graphs, forms, documents, drawings, samples, inventions, ideas, research and development, customer and vendor lists (including, without limitation, the identity, characteristics, contact persons, product

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and service needs thereof), rates, price lists, computer software programs and systems, financial statements, and budgets; (iii) all memoranda, summaries, notes, analyses, compilations, studies or those portions of other documents prepared by Authorized Agency to the extent they contain or reflect such information of, or the contents of discussions with the Disclosing Party ("Authorized Agency's Material"), including the contents or existence of discussions or negotiations related to the Purpose; (iv) information not generally known or readily ascertainable; (v) information that provides a competitive advantage for Disclosing Party; and (vi) information that is marked "Confidential" or nonpublic information which under the circumstances surrounding disclosure a reasonable person would conclude should be treated as confidential. Confidential Information shall not include information that (a) is or becomes part of the public domain other than as a result of disclosure by Authorized Agency, (b) becomes available to Authorized Agency on a non-confidential basis from a source other than Disclosing Party, provided that, to the best of Authorized Agency's knowledge, such source is not prohibited from transmitting such information by a contractual, legal, or other obligation, or (c) was in Authorized Agency's possession prior to disclosure of the same by Disclosing Party.

3. **Non-Use; Protection and Dissemination of Confidential Information.**

Authorized Agency agrees not to disclose, discuss, use, reproduce, duplicate, distribute, copy, reconstruct or in any way communicate, directly or indirectly, the Confidential Information for purposes other than in connection with the Purpose. Authorized Agency shall not disclose, discuss, use, reproduce, duplicate, distribute or in any way communicate, directly or indirectly, the Confidential Information to any other party and will use all reasonable efforts to protect the confidentiality of such information. Authorized Agency will require that Authorized Agency's employees, officers, directors, agents, contractors, representatives, consultants and advisors who need to have access to such Confidential Information in order to assist Authorized Agency in connection with the Purpose (1) are aware of the Authorized Agency's confidentiality obligation hereunder, and (2) agree to be bound by such confidentiality obligations. Authorized Agency shall notify Disclosing Party immediately of any loss, misuse, or misappropriation of any Confidential Information of which Authorized Agency becomes aware.

4. **Ownership and Return.** All Confidential Information, including Authorized Agency's Material, shall be and remain the property of Disclosing Party, and no right or license is granted to Authorized Agency with respect to any Confidential Information. No transfer or creation of ownership rights in any intellectual property comprising Confidential Information is intended or shall be inferred by the disclosure of Confidential Information by Disclosing Party, and any and all intellectual property comprising Confidential Information disclosed and any derivations thereof, shall continue to be the exclusive intellectual property of Disclosing Party. Upon the termination by any Party of the Purpose, or sooner if so requested, Authorized Agency agrees to immediately return all Confidential Information, including Authorized Agency's Material, to Disclosing Party or to destroy all Confidential Information, including all copies of the same, however, Authorized Agency shall not be required to destroy Confidential Information that has become embedded in Authorized Agency's planning models. Upon request, the fact of any such destruction shall be certified in writing to Disclosing Party by Authorized Agency. Nothing in this Agreement obligates Disclosing Party to disclose any information to Authorized Agency or creates any agency or partnership relation between them.

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5. **Compliance and Protection of Confidential Information.** Authorized Agency represents and warrants that it has practices and procedures adequate to protect against the unauthorized release of Confidential Information received. Authorized Agency must educate its employees, agents, and assigns in the provisions of this Agreement and provide to Disclosing Party upon request any information necessary to determine compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

6. **Compelled Disclosure.** If Authorized Agency is requested or required by legal or administrative process to disclose any Confidential Information, Authorized Agency shall promptly notify Disclosing Party of such request or requirement so that Disclosing Party may seek an appropriate protective order or other relief. In any case, Authorized Agency will (a) disclose only that portion of the Confidential Information that its legal counsel advises is required to be disclosed, (b) use its reasonable efforts to ensure that such Confidential Information is treated confidentially, including seeking an appropriate protective order, and (c) notify Disclosing Party as soon as reasonably practicable of the items of Confidential Information so disclosed.

7. **Remedies.** The Parties acknowledge that remedies at law may be inadequate to protect Disclosing Party against any actual or threatened breach of this Agreement by Authorized Agency, and, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies otherwise available to Disclosing Party, agree to the immediate granting of preliminary and final injunctive relief (without prior notice and without posting any bond) in favor of Disclosing Party to enjoin and restrain any breach or violation, either actual or anticipatory, of this Agreement.

8. **Limitations.** None of the Parties will be under any legal obligation of any kind whatsoever with respect to the Purpose by virtue of this Agreement, except for those matters specifically agreed to herein. No representation or warranty is made by the Disclosing Party as to the accuracy or completeness of any information provided to the Authorized Agency.

9. **Term and Termination.** Authorized Agency's obligations under this Agreement shall be effective on the date set forth above and shall be perpetual, notwithstanding any expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement. Upon termination of the Agreement, Authorized Agency shall either promptly (1) deliver or cause to be delivered to Disclosing Party or (2) certify to the Disclosing Party the destruction of, all Confidential Information, including all copies of the Confidential Information in Authorized Agency's possession or control including, without limitation, originals and copies of documents, customer lists, prospect lists, price lists, operations manuals, and all other documents reflecting or referencing the Confidential Information, as well as all other materials furnished to or acquired by Authorized Agency to facilitate the Purpose of the Agreement.

10. **Agency.** This Agreement is binding on Authorized Agency, its employees, agents, contractors, representatives, consultants, advisors, successors and assigns. In the event of a dispute regarding liability for breach of this Agreement, common law agency principles apply.

11. **Waiver.** No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement will be deemed or will constitute a waiver of any other provision, whether or not similar, nor will any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver will be binding unless executed in writing by an

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authorized representative of the Party making the waiver. The failure of either Party in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement will not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment, to any extent, of the right to assert or rely upon any such terms or conditions on any future occasion.

12. **Modification.** This Agreement may not be amended except in a writing signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

13. **Governing Law.** Indiana law shall govern the interpretation and implementation of the Agreement and the resolution of any dispute between the parties regarding the effect of the Agreement without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law, and shall supplement, but not replace, the Uniform Trade Secrets Act as enacted by the State of Indiana. Each Party hereby submits itself for the sole purpose of this Agreement and any controversy arising hereunder to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in the State of Indiana serving the counties of Hamilton and Marion, and any courts of appeal therefrom, and waives any objection (on the grounds of lack of jurisdiction, or forum not convenient or otherwise) to the exercise of such jurisdiction over it by any such courts.

14. **Severability and Survival.** Should any clause, portion or paragraph of this Agreement be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such unenforceability or invalidity will not affect the enforceability or validity of the remainder of this Agreement, and any court having jurisdiction is specifically authorized and encouraged by the Parties to hold inviolate all portions of this Agreement that are valid and enforceable without consideration of any invalid or unenforceable portions hereof. The headings of the sections in this Agreement are for the purposes of convenient reference only and are not intended to be part of this Agreement, or to limit or affect the meaning or interpretation of any of the terms hereof.

15. **Assignment and Succession.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and permitted assigns of the Parties hereto. Any successor to or assignee of MISO shall assume its rights and obligations under this Agreement with or without notice to Authorized Agency. Authorized Agency may not assign its rights hereunder without the written permission of MISO.

16. **Employees Bound by Agreement.** The representative executing this Agreement hereby acknowledges and agrees that he/she is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of Authorized Agency and that this Agreement shall bind and be enforceable by and against the employees, agents, or consultants of Authorized Agency. The authorized representative of Authorized Agency further acknowledges and agrees that only those employees who are listed on the attached Appendix A incorporated herein shall be authorized to receive Confidential Information directly from MISO and that he/she will notify MISO in writing of any modification to Appendix A prior to releasing Confidential Information to those employees listed on Appendix A.

17. **Notices.** All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered personally or by commercial delivery service, or mailed by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) or sent via facsimile (with acknowledgment

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed, effective as of the day, month and year written above.

**Midcontinent Independent  
System Operator, Inc.**

**Authorized Agency:**

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX A**

**TO UNIVERSAL PLANNING NON-DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT  
FOR AUTHORIZED AGENCIES**

Authorized Agency, \_\_\_\_\_ Employees, Agents, or Consultants subject  
to Confidentiality Agreement as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_:

Print Name

Title

E-mail Address

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(Attach Additional Pages If Necessary)

NOTE: Any changes to the information on this Appendix A must be sent immediately by e-mail to  
the MISO Client Relations Department at [help@misoenergy.org](mailto:help@misoenergy.org).