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MRO Board Appoints Sara Patrick President and CEO

SAINT PAUL, MINN. The Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it has appointed [Sara Patrick](#) as MRO's new president and chief executive officer, effective today. Patrick has been acting as interim president and CEO for the organization since February 26, 2018. She joined MRO in August 2008 as director of regulatory affairs and enforcement, and was promoted shortly thereafter to vice president enforcement and regulatory affairs and then to vice president compliance monitoring and regulatory affairs.

"The board and staff are extremely fortunate to have Sara lead the organization," said Board Chair Silvia Parada Mitchell. "Considering the work associated with the expansion of MRO's regional boundaries and the transfer of 102 registered entities from Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity to MRO, Sara's leadership skills, experience, and commitment to reliability have served the organization well since she joined the organization ten years ago. She has done an outstanding job leading MRO during this interim period. The board is confident that she will continue to provide the level of leadership needed to support MRO, as part of the ERO-Enterprise, in its pursuit of a reliable and secure North American bulk power system."

Prior to joining MRO, Patrick served as the Director of Government Affairs for Explore Information Services, LLC, a leading service provider to the property and casualty insurance industry. She also served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Arizona under the administration of both Janet Napolitano (D) and Grant Woods (R).

Patrick is a graduate of the Lee Honors College of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan and received her doctor of jurisprudence (J.D.) from the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana. She is licensed to practice law in Minnesota and Arizona, and is a Certified Information Privacy Professional, Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional, and a member of the Energy Bar Association.

About the appointment, Patrick said "I am honored and humbled to take on this new position to lead MRO and its outstanding staff. I am also grateful for the board's confidence in me and look forward to continuing the important work that MRO does to support the highly effective reliability organizations in its footprint and across the ERO. Our future is bright."

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Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the reliability and security of the bulk power system in the central region of North America, including parts of both the United States and Canada. MRO is one of seven regional entities in North America operating under authority from regulators in the United States through a delegation agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and in Canada under similar arrangements. The primary focus of MRO is ensuring compliance with reliability standards and assessing the grid's ability to meet the demands for electricity.

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