



MRO Board Welcomes Newly Elected Municipal Utility Sector Director

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SAINT PAUL, MN. On January 18, 2021, MRO notified its members of an open Municipal Utility Sector seat on the MRO Board of Directors with a term ending December 31, 2023, and called for nominations. Two individuals were nominated for this open position. An electronic ballot was conducted for the Municipal Sector to elect its board representative, which closed on February 24, 2021. We are pleased to announce that Scott Nickels, Manager of System Operations for Rochester Public Utilities, was elected to the MRO Board for the remainder of the open term.

In his current role at Rochester Public Utilities, Nickels is the management lead for the organization's NERC Compliance Program. He attended Michigan Technological University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, Power.

Nickels will be seated today, February 25, and will also serve on the board's Finance and Audit Committee. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Nickels on his election to the board! We look forward to welcoming him at the board's next meeting, which will be held virtually on March 25, 2021.

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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 six 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 developing and ensuring compliance with reliability standards and assessing the grid's ability to meet the demands for electricity.