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MRO Regional Boundaries Expand; 100 Registered Entities Successfully Transferred

SAINT PAUL, MN. On July 1, 2018, the revised delegation agreement between Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) became effective, expanding MRO's regional boundaries to include the southern half of the Midwest and all or parts of the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. With this expanded footprint, MRO now has oversight responsibility for much of central North America, including all or part of 16 states and 2 Canadian provinces.

As a result of the expansion, 100¹ companies previously registered with the Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity (SPP RE), which is planning to dissolve, are now registered with MRO. NERC led the efforts to transition the oversight work for these entities--working closely with MRO and SPP RE staff—and as a result MRO is prepared to operate today as one larger region. All compliance monitoring and enforcement data was transferred successfully from SPP RE to MRO, providing MRO the information it needs to complete all required statutory work for the expanded region in 2018 and beyond.

On July 1, OATI completed the transfer of SPP RE webCDMS data to MRO, and all registered entities are now able to use MRO's webCDMS portal for any required data submittals or to self-report noncompliance.

Contributing to the success of this transition was the significant amount of outreach conducted by NERC, SPP RE and MRO to help prepare registered entities for the transfer to a new Regional Entity. About the transition, MRO President and CEO Sara Patrick said it would not have been possible in such a short period of time without the dedication and collaboration of all parties involved. "SPP RE staff was tremendous to work with and deserves considerable credit for a job well done," Patrick said. She also noted that MRO staff met the challenge head on, saying "I could not be more proud of this very talented, capable, and hardworking team."

Transition-related efforts will continue throughout 2018, as MRO increases its staffing levels and closely monitors both its FERC-approved business plan and budget and ongoing transition-related expenses, which are being tracked separately. MRO staff projects it will be able to recover all transition-related costs through a transfer of assessments from SPP RE to MRO.

Questions about the transition should be directed to transition@midwestreliability.org

¹ On May 4, 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved MRO's revised delegation agreement with NERC and the transfer of 109 registered entities from SPP RE to MRO. Since that time, changes have occurred in the registration status of certain entities, resulting in 100 registered entities transferring to MRO.

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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 operates under authority from regulators in the United States through a delegation agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and similar arrangements in Canada. The primary focus of MRO is ensuring compliance with reliability standards and performing assessments of the grid's ability to meet the demands for electricity.

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