



Mr. John R. Bear  
Chief Executive Officer  
Midcontinent Independent System Operator  
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Dear Mr. Bear,

The Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council (Michigan EIBC) would like to offer its full support to MISO and the MISO Board of Directors regarding the **continued engagement and advancement of Tranche 2 of MISO's Long Range Transmission Plan (LRTP)**.

Michigan EIBC is a trade organization of approximately 160 companies in the advanced energy industry doing business in Michigan. We represent a wide variety of sectors, including many utility-scale developers with renewable energy projects in the region. Several of these companies currently have plans near to or that would likely interconnect with the two proposed Tranche 1 lines in Michigan, and we are actively engaging with those companies to support the deployment of Tranche 1.

We understand that it is MISO's goal to submit a robust portfolio of Tranche 2 projects, intended to address MISO's recently refreshed planning "Future 2A," for approval by Mid-Year 2024, and Michigan EIBC strongly encourages MISO to continue working toward that goal.

The need for substantial and timely investment in our transmission system has been documented by years of collaborative studies underpinning MISO's Reliability Imperatives (*i.e.* Reliability Integration Impact Assessment (RIIA)). The massive amount of renewable generation waiting to be interconnected within the region and the unprecedented demands placed on the system is obvious evidence for the need for Tranche 2 projects to be approved as quickly as possible. A localized example can be found in Michigan, where the Michigan Legislature recently passed a series of bills which mandate that Michigan generate 100% of its electricity from carbon-free sources by 2040. It goes without saying, but additional transmission investment is needed to meet not only those goals, but the broader MISO region's goals as well.

MISO's system continues to strain under the burden of increasingly frequent and severe weather events, accommodating a rapidly transitioning generation fleet, and expectations of increased load growth. There is no time to waste in making the necessary transmission investments to ensure system demand and reliability are met. As such, Michigan EIBC encourages MISO and its Board to advance LRTP Tranche 2 without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura A. Sherman".

Dr. Laura Sherman  
President, Michigan EIBC