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Question:

See Standing Direct at pg. 4, Ellis Direct at pg. 23, and Campbell Direct at pg. 1-2, relating to MTEP24 and/or MISO Futures participation.

1. Applicants detail some level of participation in the planning of the proposed project during the MTEP24 LRTP stakeholder process. During the MTEP24 LRTP stakeholder process, did Applicants submit any facilities that were approved as LRTP projects 22 – 26? If so, which ones did Applicants propose as part of the MISO stakeholder process?

Response: The Applicants object to this question as ambiguous because the question does not specify a timeframe nor define the meaning of the term "facilities." Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objection, the Applicants provide the following response. The Applicants submitted various iterations of proposals to MISO during the MTEP process for LRTP Tranche 2.1. MISO, through analysis and the stakeholder process, identified and approved the Project.

In the typical MTEP process, the Transmission Owner (TO) seeking approval of a project submits the project to the MTEP process for stakeholder review and MISO board approval. Unlike the typical MTEP planning process, where solution proposals are primarily submitted by incumbent TOs, MISO LRTP is a MISO-driven planning process. The MISO LRTP Tranche 2.1 solutions started from a MISO developed "initial concept map" provided in January 2023. In March 2024, MISO released a second iteration of the Tranche 2.1 roadmap, and another in June 2024, prior to the MISO approved final Tranche 2.1 portfolio in December 2024. A presentation that provides an overview of the iterations of Tranche 2.1 roadmap is available here: https://cdn.misoenergy.org/20240610%20LRTP%20Workshop%20Item%2002%20Near-Final%20Portfolio633836.pdf.
The presentation shows MISO's refinement of the transmission lines to be included in the Tranche 2 portfolio of projects.

Throughout the entire process, MISO accepted stakeholder input informally on all topics and formally on certain MISO defined topics (e.g., model assumption input) and the Applicants

provided MISO comments on the need for additional transmission lines, including 765 kV lines, in Minnesota and neighboring states to increase capacity, and concepts to evaluate. The Applicants provided multiple concepts and options and MISO, in accordance with its tariff, considered all input, combined and refined concepts, and independently determined which solutions to bring forward. While the final Project (MISO LRTP 22 – 25) is consistent with concepts Applicants recommended and includes some consistent proposal components, the final Project is MISO defined and does not reflect in its entirety any specific Applicant proposal.

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