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Draft MRO 2019 Business Plan and Budget Now Available for Review and Comment

SAINT PAUL. Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) is pleased to announce that it is in the final stages of developing its 2019 Business Plan and Budget, which includes the oversight work transferred to MRO from the anticipated dissolution of the Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity (SPP RE). Upon FERC approval of MRO's revised delegation agreement, anticipated to be effective as of July 1, the MRO Region will be expanded to include more than 220 registered entities in all or parts of the states of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin; and the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The draft 2019 budget reflects an overall increase of \$4.3 million (or 36 percent) from the approved 2018 budget. The draft 2019 budget also reflects an increase in total assessments for the expanded region of \$4.7 million (or 44 percent) as compared to the approved 2018 MRO budget, but a decrease in the assessment per Net Energy for Load (NEL) charged to load-serving entities due to the expanded footprint.

The MRO Board of Directors met on April 20, 2018, to review the draft budget and board members expressed overall support of the budget presented. The presentation provided at that meeting was subsequently revised based on board member feedback, and is now available on [MRO's website](#) along with the draft [2019 Business Plan and Budget](#) for stakeholder review and comment. Feedback must be received by May 16 and should be directed to MRO's Vice President Finance and Administration [Sue Clarke](#).

Following this comment period, the draft 2019 Business Plan and Budget will be presented to the MRO Board of Directors for approval at its June 21, 2018 meeting. Following MRO Board approval, the budget is presented to the NERC Board of Trustees for approval and then filed with FERC. FERC typically issues an order in the October/November timeframe.

Any questions related to the business plan and budget can be directed to [Sue Clarke](#).

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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 north central region of North America, including parts of both the United States and Canada. MRO is one of eight regional entities in North America operating under authority from regulators in the United States and Canada through a delegation agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). 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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