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### **Commissioner Fedorchak Appointed Secretary of Organization of MISO States**

BISMARCK, ND – North Dakota Public Service Commissioner Julie Fedorchak has been appointed Secretary of the Organization of MISO States (OMS). The appointment also gives Fedorchak a spot on the MISO Advisory Committee, which advises the MISO Governing Board.

“North Dakota citizens don’t know or care much about organizations like MISO and OMS, but yet these groups have a significant impact on our lives by ensuring that our electric system operates reliably and at the lowest reasonable cost,” Fedorchak said. “This new position gives North Dakota a stronger voice for influencing the decisions made by both organizations that stand to have a big impact on people.”

The Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) is an independent, nonprofit organization responsible for reliable operation of the regional electric grid owned by member utilities in 15 states, including North Dakota. The Commission participates as a member of the Organization of MISO States (OMS), which was established to represent the collective interests of state and local utility regulators in the MISO region and facilitate informed and efficient participation in related issues. Members collaborate to share information and resources, debate and exchange ideas on policy issues and communicate their viewpoints. The OMS consists of 17 members across 15 states and the Canadian province of Manitoba.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or [www.psc.nd.gov](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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