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June 28, 2017

Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System, Inc.
C/O Ben Gerber, Executive Director
60 S. 6th Street, Suite 2800
Minneapolis, MN 55402

VIA EMAIL

RE: Investor Owned Utility – Board Seat

Dear Executive Director Geber:

I am writing to nominate myself for the Investor Owned Utility seat on the Board of the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System, Inc. (“MRETS”). I have enclosed my resume to complete the application process.

As you will see from my resume, I am currently a Senior Managing Regulatory Attorney for MidAmerican Energy Company (“MidAmerican”) in Des Moines, Iowa. MidAmerican is an investor owned utility that has a significant amount of wind generation registered in the MRETS. This position provides me with first-hand knowledge of the products and services that MRETS provides, which gives me some insight into the MRETS-user experience and the importance and implications of MRETS policies on its users. That stated, I am committed to maintaining neutrality in decisions for the best interests of MRETS if I am elected to serve on the Board.

My previous experience highlights the background and skill I can bring to the Board as well. Prior to joining MidAmerican, I worked in different capacities at the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”) and at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (“PSCW”). While I was not directly involved in MRETS issues in these positions, those roles required awareness of and work on MRETS issues, including work with prior and current MRETS Board members. I have observed and followed the work of MRETS from a variety of positions, which provides a unique perspective and ability to develop consensus among the diverse viewpoints that make up MRETS governance.

Given my various roles in the energy industry, I have followed and participated in policy development on emerging issues in the energy industry. My work at MidAmerican (which is very focused on renewable energy development) requires awareness of trends in the renewable energy space. I believe this background will be valuable to the MRETS organization and look forward to your consideration for a spot on the MRETS Board. Ultimately, I look forward to working with the Board members and staff to position the organization for a strong future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (515) 281-2559.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian J. Rybarik

Brian J. Rybarik

Enclosure

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WORK EXPERIENCE

MidAmerican Energy Company

Des Moines, IA

Managing Senior Regulatory Attorney

8/15- present

- Legal team leader for regulatory strategy in Iowa, South Dakota and Illinois
- Develop, draft and review regulatory filings, including filings related to MidAmerican's renewable energy strategies and goals
- Identify risks and negotiate agreements on behalf of MidAmerican
- Key contributor and implementer for company strategies relating to renewable energy development
- Coordination with numerous teams in MidAmerican including regulated pricing and communications to help develop understanding of regulatory strategies and outcomes

Midcontinent Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO)

Madison, WI/Carmel, IN

Inter-Regional Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs

5/13 – 8/15

- Liaison between transmission system operator (MISO) and regulatory agencies in 17 jurisdictions, requiring effective communication with regulators and utilities on complex technical issues
- Team coordinator in the development of strategies, analysis and policies related to resource adequacy and carbon dioxide reduction policies, including coordination and leadership of internal teams and external stakeholder groups
- Weekly coordination with state affairs team relating to regulatory strategy and communications in multiple and diverse jurisdictions
- Presented MISO positions to external stakeholders and regional and national organizations
- Reviewed and assisted in drafting and developing regulatory filings and policy proposals
- Provided analysis and strategic advice on regulatory and business issues to MISO management and Board

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Madison, WI

Wholesale Energy Markets Advisor

9/12 – 5/13

- Appointed as first policy advisor on wholesale energy market issues
- Identification of issues and development of policy recommendations on complex proposals related to the wholesale energy market
- Project management in the development of strategic positions and regulatory filings
- Led stakeholder working groups on various issues, including issues relating to seams issues between transmission operators and Order 1000 compliance

Division Administrator

6/11 – 9/12

- Appointed as member of management team to oversee division of state government
- Supervisor of division staff (12 member division) including the development of work plans, performance reviews, hiring, reclassification of employees and termination
- Drafted or reviewed numerous regulatory filings
- Led team meetings and encouraged a collaborative and fun workplace environment
- Developed strategies and policies to implement major revisions to state and federal law
- Worked with Commission fiscal agent to ensure compliance with division budget

Executive Assistant to Commissioner Lauren Azar

10/08 – 6/11

- Policy and legal advisor, performing analysis on a wide-range of issues
- Reviewed and analyzed all aspects complex utility retail rate cases, major utility construction cases and rule revision dockets
- Participated in the development of a proposal to modify the methodology for payment of new large-scale electric transmission projects
- Developed relationships and coordinated with national organizations and federal-level regulators
- Assisted in the development and served as one of Wisconsin's initial representatives in 39-state transmission planning organization, including assisting in drafting the entity's bylaws

Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association

Madison, WI

General Counsel and Manager of Regulatory Affairs

01/05-10/08

- Chief legal officer for statewide trade association
- Advised and implemented legal, regulatory and legislative strategies
- Worked with representatives from diverse sectors of the telecommunications industry, including both large and small providers
- Primary author of various regulatory and court filings as well representation in contested case hearings and court proceedings

Michael Best & Friedrich

Madison, WI

Litigation Associate (law clerk during law school)

5/02-01/05

- Provided representation or assisted in the representation of clients in a variety of settings, including trial and appellate courts as well as regulatory agencies
- Participated in complex litigation and utility regulatory proceedings
- Assisted on several cases before the Wisconsin Supreme Court including primary drafting responsibility on several Supreme Court briefs

EDUCATION

May 2003 **University of Wisconsin Law School**

Madison, WI

Juris Doctorate, cum laude

- Managing Editor, *Wisconsin Law Review*
- Recipient of the Sonnet Schmidt Edmonds Award for Excellence in Energy Law

May 1997 **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Madison, WI

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) Minor (Women's Studies)

REFERENCES

Lauren Azar

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(608) 332-969

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MidAmerican Energy
(515) 242-4042

Cynthia Smith

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Service Commission of
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(608) 266-3957

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2011 –Present

Nova Cycle Sports Foundation

Board Member

- Assisted in the development of budgets and goals for non-profit amateur cycling team
- Primary author of all forms, including negotiating rider agreements and contracts, letters of intent, sponsorship agreements, vehicle use forms and liability release forms

OTHER INTERESTS

- Alpine and Nordic skiing; former coach of youth alpine ski program in Madison area (Blackhawk Alpine Race Team)
- Avid competitive road cyclist and commuter, two time finisher of Ironman triathlon

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

DATE

July 1, 2015

DESCRIPTION

Role: Presenter/Panelist

Event: NRDC Regional Coordination Meeting, Missouri

Topic: Regional Cooperation and the Clean Power Plan

April 29, 2015

Role: Presenter/Panelist

Event: Wilson Center's Canada Institute, Washington, D.C.

Topic: Canadian Hydro and the Clean Power Plan

April 7, 2015

Role: Presenter/Panelist

Event: Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives Association Lobby Days, Madison, WI

Topic: EPA Rule 111(d)

March 25, 2015

Role: Presenter

Event: Black Sea Regulator Initiative, Bucharest, Romania

Topic: Market Based Balancing Mechanisms

March 25, 2015

Role: Presenter

Event: Black Sea Regulator Initiative, Bucharest, Romania

Topic: Integration of New Transmission Owners into a Regional Market

November 6, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: Illinois Commerce Commission, Policy Forum on Clean Power Plan, Chicago, IL

Topic: RTO Perspective on Regional Compliance Strategies to EPA's Clean Power Plan

October 28, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: Michigan State Bar Association, Lansing, MI

Topic: Existing Source Standards for Electric Utilities, MISO's Initial Analysis of Clean Power Plan

October 15, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: MISO Planning Advisory Committee, Metairie, LA

Topic: Update on Comment Drafting to EPA Clean Power Plan

October 6, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: Black Sea Regulator Initiative, Istanbul, Turkey

Topic: Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation; Lessons Learned between MISO and State Regulators

September 22-23, 2014

Role: Facilitator

Event: OMS-MISO Issues Summit, Eagan, MN

Topic: Facilitated discussion of major issues facing MISO and State Regulators on Resource Adequacy

September 17, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: MISO Planning Advisory Committee, Carmel, IN

Topic: MISO Plans to Comment on EPA Clean Power Plan

August 27, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: MISO Advisory Committee, St. Paul, MN

Topic: Introduction of Stakeholder and MISO Board Discussion of EPA Clean Power Plan

August 12, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: Entergy Regional State Committee, Jackson, MS

Topic: Update on MISO Analysis of Clean Power Plan

July 13, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: NARUC Summer Meetings, International Relations Committee, Dallas, TX

Topic: MISO Relationship with Manitoba

February 4, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: Xcel Energy Legislative Day, Madison, WI

Topic: MISO Hot Topics

January 16, 2014

Role: Presenter

Event: Wisconsin Utility Providers Conference

Topic: MISO Hot Topics and Resource Adequacy

June 28, 2017

Ben Gerber
Executive Director
Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System

Minneapolis, MN 55

Dear Mr. Gerber:

I would like to submit my application to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (MRETS).

I believe that my position as Manger, Resource Planning for Otter Tail Power Company for the last 11 years has given me a significant understanding of the issues related to the tracking of renewable energy, both from the utility standpoint as well as the regulatory standpoint.

It's my opinion that the next big issues for renewable energy tracking are the treatment of solar renewable energy credits and the possibility of storage being treated as a renewable resource.

Additionally, through my many years of experience, I have developed personal relationships with many utility personnel, regulators, and renewable developers across the area and feel I could leverage those relationships in helping to manage existing MRETS programs and the development of new procedures in the future.

Thank you for considering me for this position.

Sincerely,

Brian Draxten
Manager, Resource Planning

Brian Draxten

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EDUCATION

Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN
Bachelor's Degree November 1979
Major: Accounting
Minor: Business Finance

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Manager, Resource Planning

2006– Current

- File Otter Tail Power Company's resource plan with Commissions in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota
- Responsible for compliance with renewable energy objectives and standards in the three states served by Otter Tail Power Company
- Testify before the Commissions in all three states on various matters including resource plans, rate case proceedings, advanced determination of prudence.
- Planning for meeting the jurisdictional renewable requirements in the future.
- Engage in various regulatory-related initiatives like e21, storage initiatives, grid modernization

Manager, Budget & Forecast

2001-2006

- Managed the budgeting function for Otter Tail Power Company.
- Managed the financial forecasting function for Otter Tail Power Company