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Mr. David H. Meyer  
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20)  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC) submits this letter in support of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) September 8, 2011 comments opposing the proposal that the Department of Energy (DOE) delegate its authority to identify congestion and designate transmission corridors to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by reinterpreting the Federal Power Act Section 216. As stated in NARUC's comments, this proposal would cause "uncertainty, litigation, damage to State and federal relations, and delays in transmission development."

The MoPSC respectfully requests that the DOE abstain from delegating its authority to the FERC or that the decision be held in abeyance until these issues can be alleviated.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kevin D. Gunn in black ink.

Kevin Gunn, Chairman  
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