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SPEED TO POWER

LOCAL CONTROL DELIVERS FASTER, MORE AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY

GRID ACCELERATION COALITION FILES AT FERC The nation's leading electric utilities in Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP) today filed a complaint asking the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for targeted relief from outdated Order No. 1000 solicitation processes that are adding 16–20 months of unnecessary delay to critical high-voltage backbone transmission projects.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES Electricity demand is surging at levels unseen since World War II - driven by data centers and reshored manufacturing. These delays block timely customer interconnections, threaten grid reliability, raise electric bills for families, slow job-creating projects, and weaken America's competitiveness in AI and advanced manufacturing.

THE PROBLEM

- 16-20 month delays on backbone transmission projects in the Midwest and Southwest
- $394–$749 million in annual societal welfare losses for every 1,000 MW of unmet demand (data centers alone)
- $150–$370 million in lost customer benefits for every $1 billion of delayed transmission investment
- Construction costs rise approx. 20% with each year of delay
- Local utilities' core duty to serve customers is frustrated

THE SOLUTION

Local transmission providers - the companies that already serve your communities, answer to state regulators, and respect private property rights — can build these projects 18–24 months faster when freed from unnecessary federal red tape.

REQUESTED FERC RELIEF (Either Option Works)

1. **PROJECT-SPECIFIC EXEMPTION** Remove solicitation delays for any transmission project where a delay would slow the interconnection of new generation or large loads.
2. **TEMPORARY 5-YEAR PAUSE** Suspend Order No. 1000 solicitations in MISO and SPP for the critical window when America must build the infrastructure that decides the AI race and manufacturing renaissance.

FAST TRACK REQUESTED

*The Coalition asks FERC for an action date no later than **JULY 16, 2026**, so needed projects can move forward immediately.*

WHAT LEADERS ARE SAYING

"Iowa's proposed ROFR law aligns with President Trump's National Energy Emergency Executive Order by reducing federal regulatory burdens and delays that hinder critical energy infrastructure projects."

— Governor Kim Reynolds, April 2, 2025

LOWER BILLS, MORE JOBS, RELIABLE SERVICE

Faster transmission development is needed both to connect new factories, manufacturing facilities, and growing communities — and to deliver lower electric bills for American families.

TAKE ACTION Tell FERC: Support targeted relief that puts local providers in the driver's seat. Visit **energyalert.org/speed-to-power** to learn more and submit a comment.

ABOUT ALERT The Alliance for Local Empowerment and Reliable Transmission (ALERT) is a non-profit coalition dedicated to policies that maximize local control, accountability, and affordable, reliable electricity for American families and communities.

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