

# **Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**



**Discussion on Duties and  
Responsibilities of The Commissioners**

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# Duties and Responsibilities

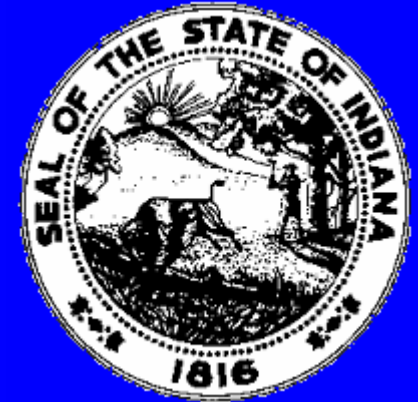


- Internal
- External
- Collective Decision Making

# Internal Duties



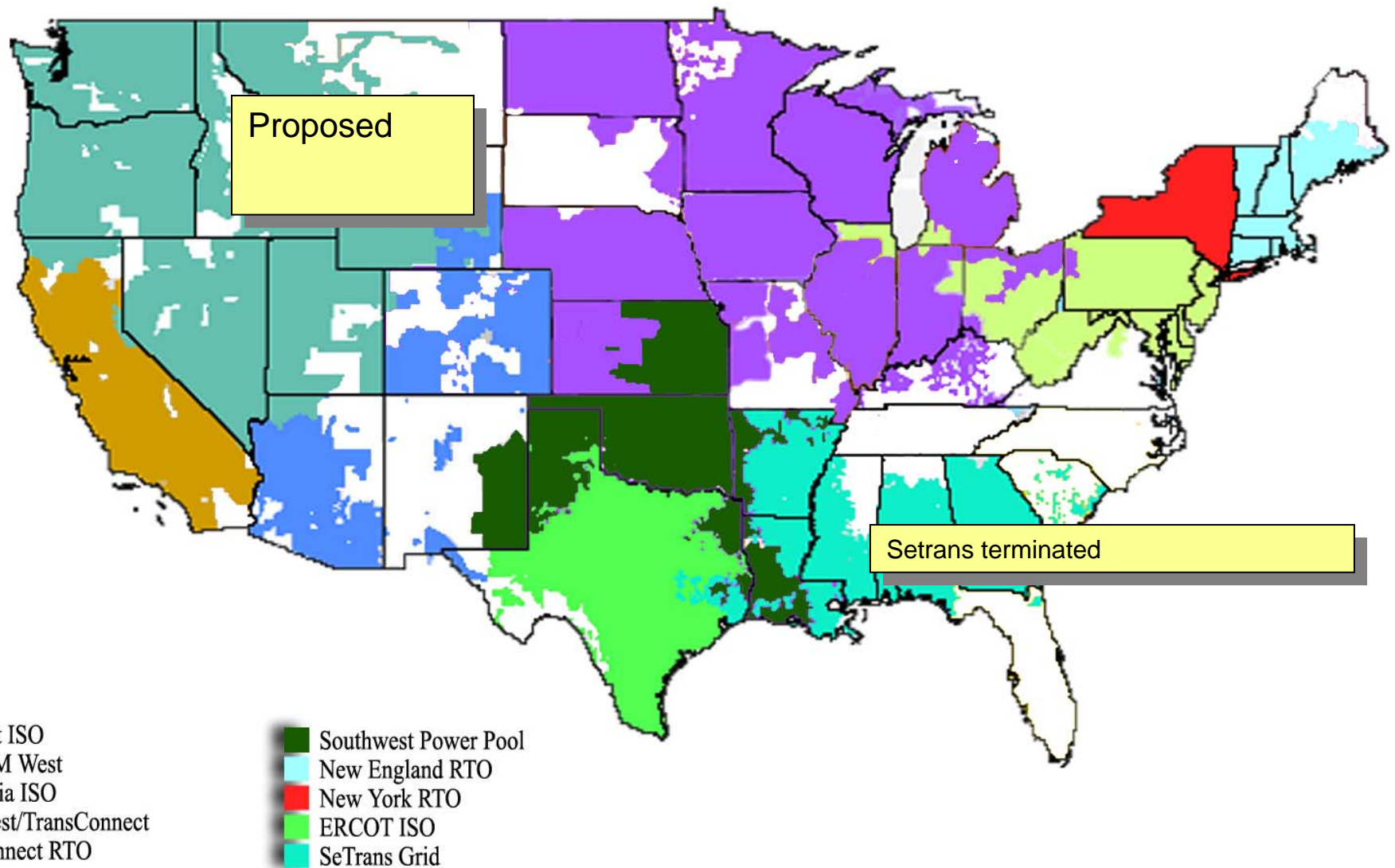
- Formal Cases:
  - Lead commissioner role
  - Working knowledge of all cases and orders
  - Knowledge of appeals to the courts
- Rulemakings
- Workshops
- Public Forums



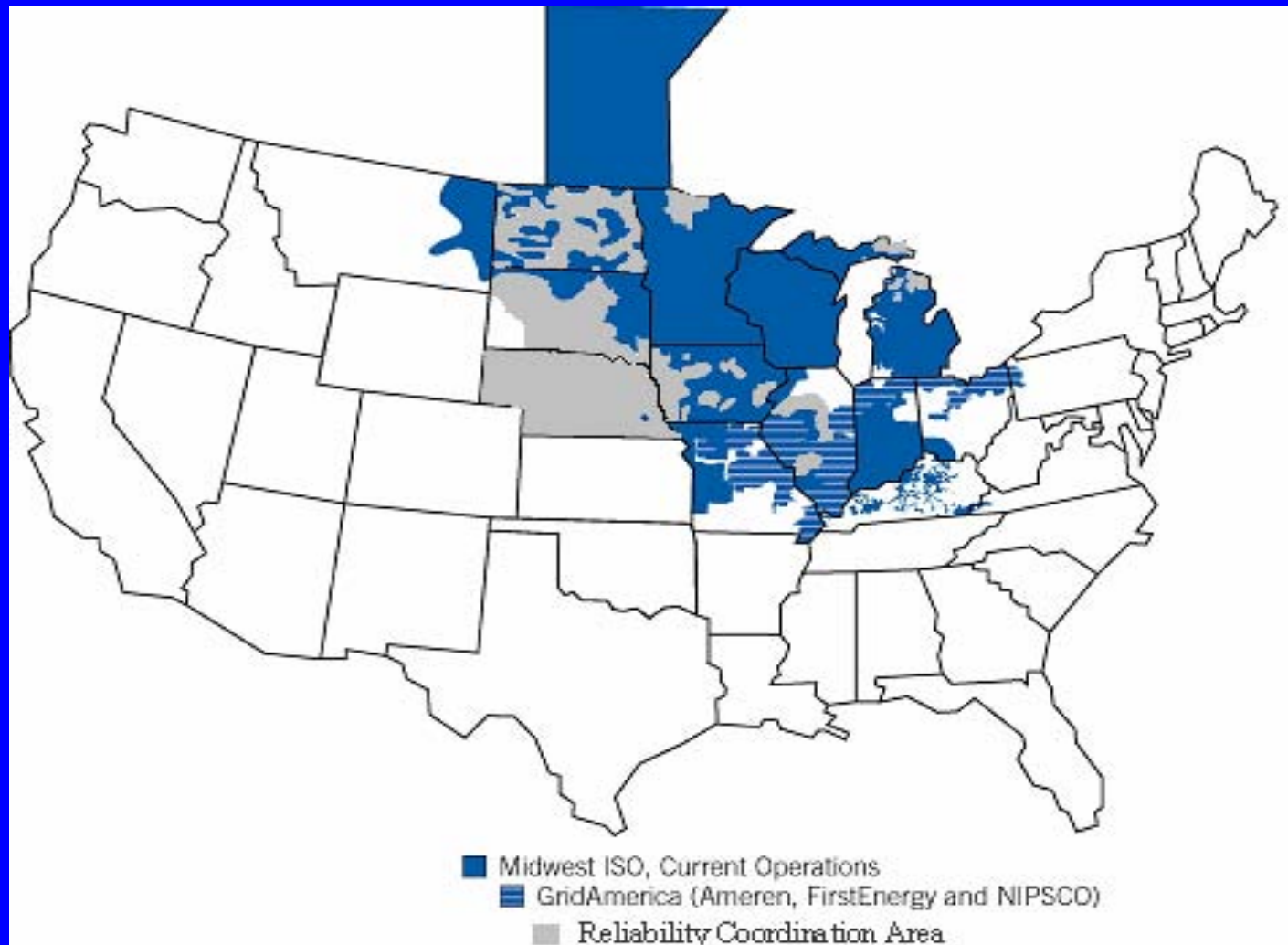
# External Duties

- NARUC Responsibilities
- Midwest Regulators Organization (MARC)
- Midwest ISO (MISO)
- Organization of MISO States (OMS)
- Contact with Legislators
- Contact with Federal Government
- Public Speeches
  - To organizations
  - To public

# ISO/RTO Map



**Midwest ISO is an independent, non-profit grid monitor for the transmission of high voltage electricity across all or parts of 15 states and Manitoba**



# MISO Fast Facts



- **Control centers both in Indiana and Minnesota**
  - **24 transmission-owning utility members**
  - **Administrative cost adder capped at 15 cents per megawatt-hour funds current operations. (Market costs will be recovered once market starts)**
  - **Voluntary membership**
  - **Independent**
  - **Non-profit**
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# OMS Formation



- November 2002 – planning began
- May 2003 - incorporation as Indiana non-profit corporation
- June 2003 - bylaws adopted, officers elected, funding agreement with MISO
- January 2004 - staff and office



# OMS Membership



- Membership is open to state regulatory authorities:
  - That regulate retail electricity or distribution rates of transmission-owning MISO members or transmission-dependent MISO members
  - That have primary siting authority
- Associate membership is open to other state agencies

# OMS Organization



- Matches MISO footprint:
  - 14 state members and Manitoba
- Board of Directors has 15 members
  - One from each member agency
- Executive Committee is composed of 5 members
  - Includes the 3 members of the MISO Stakeholder Advisory Committee who represent the state regulatory sector

# Collective Decision Making



- Importance of interaction among all five members.
- Importance of access to staff
- Dissenting opinions – the positive contribution