

# The Kentucky PSC: Intergovernmental Relations

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# STATE GOVERNMENT

## Executive Branch

### Governor's office -

- PSC operates independently of governor's office
- Most communication is by the Executive Director and Commissioners
- Provide updates on major matters before the PSC
- Provide input on matters such as budget (governor's office proposes budget), energy policy
- Constituent service referrals

# STATE GOVERNMENT

## Executive Branch

### Other state agencies -

- Communication with other agencies, especially Division of Water, on matters affecting jurisdictional utilities
- Policy input, especially to Energy and Environment Cabinet
- Participate in coordinated state response to disasters affecting utility services
- Attorney General represents general interests of ratepayers in cases before the PSC

# STATE GOVERNMENT

## Legislative Branch

### Formal communications

Testimony before legislative committees;

- Budget issues (legislature determines final budget)
- Legislation (proposed by PSC or others)
- Regulations (PSC proposes regulations, legislature must approve)

Biennial report

# STATE GOVERNMENT

## Legislative Branch

### Informal communications

Legislative Liaison, Executive Director,  
Commissioners on budget, legislation and  
policy issues; also to address local concerns  
about specific utilities

Consumer Services regarding constituent  
complaints

# STATE GOVERNMENT

## Judicial Branch

- PSC decisions are subject to review by state courts
- Three levels of review – Circuit Court, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court
- Most cases begin in Franklin Circuit Court (local circuit court for state government)
- Telecommunication cases often go to federal court due to jurisdictional issues

# FEDERAL AGENCIES

## Federal

- Formal - Comments on regulatory actions, mainly by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- Informal dialogue - mostly at senior staff or commission level regarding federal policies
- FERC – Has authority over wholesale electricity sales, electric transmission issues, interstate natural gas pipelines
- FCC – Telecommunications policy
- Department of Transportation – Natural gas and pipeline safety; PSC has delegated authority in Kentucky

# OTHER STATES

Frequent informal information sharing by regulatory commission staff, Commissioners with counterparts in other states

Membership in a number of multi-state national and regional organizations representing utility regulators and in multi-state electric transmission grid operators



# NATIONAL/REGIONAL ENTITIES

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

- PSC commissioners are members
- PSC commissioners and staff serve on NARUC committees, often in leadership roles
- Participate in NARUC initiatives

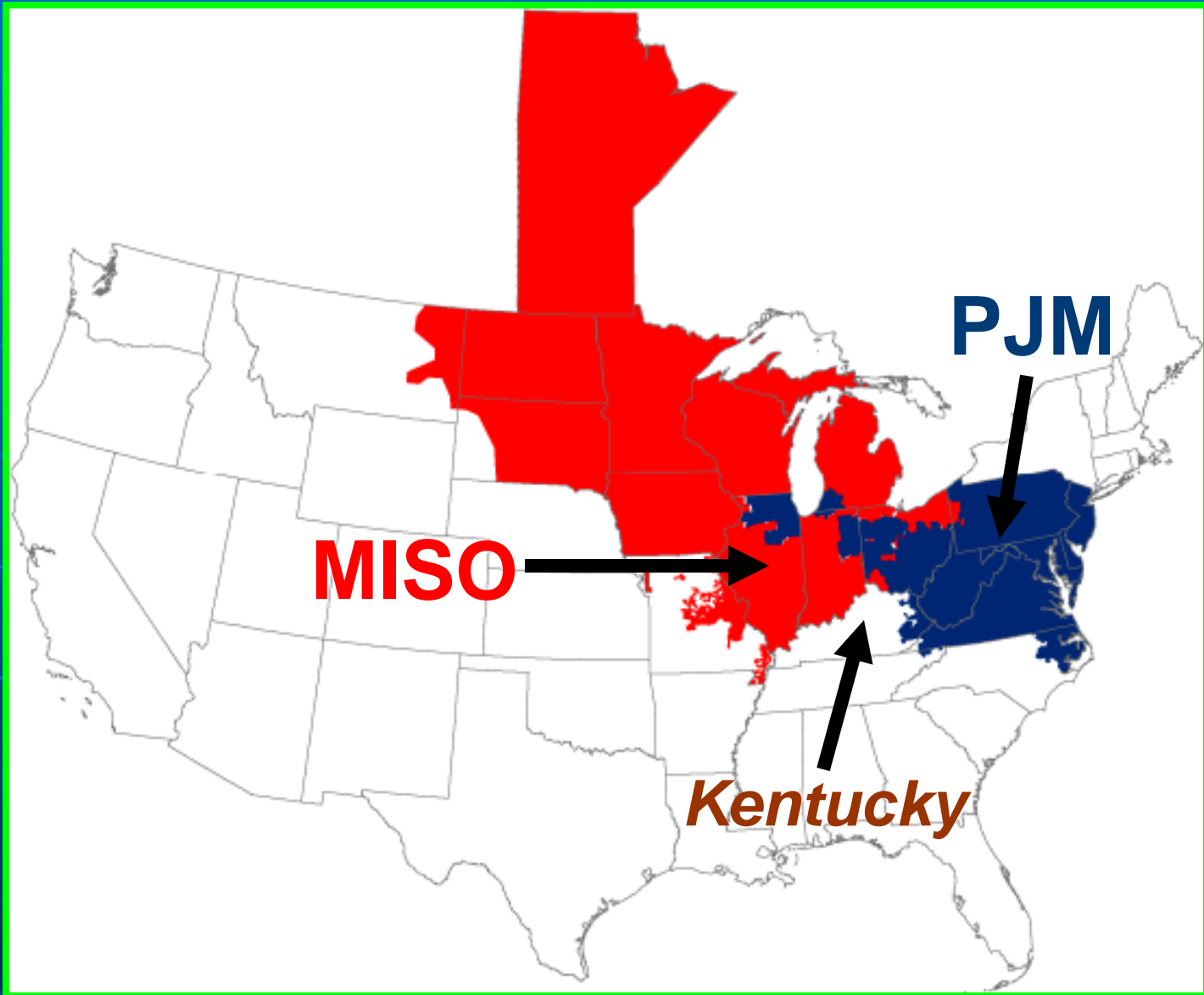
Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC)

Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissions (MACRUC)

# NATIONAL/REGIONAL ENTITIES

Regional electric transmission organizations and corresponding multi-state advisory bodies

- Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)/ Organization of MISO States
- PJM Interconnection/Organization of PJM States



# LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Senior staff, Commissioner contacts with local elected officials regarding PSC actions and policies; concerns about specific utilities
- Staff-to-staff contacts on issues, policy, cases, customer concerns

This map displays the 120 counties of Kentucky, each with a unique color and name. Major cities are indicated by black dots and labeled. The map is oriented with North at the top. The following table lists the counties and their corresponding county seats (indicated by a dot in the original map):

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Anderson	Versailles
Anderson	Harrodsburg
Anderson	Frankfort
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Anderson	Shelbyville
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