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In 2008, Commissioners and Governors from the five states of Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin that are a subset of OMS formed the UMTDI, or Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative. The goal of this effort was to identify regional planning and cost allocation issues related to delivering renewable energy from the west in MISO to the UMTDI state's load centers in order to meet applicable state Renewable Portfolio Standards RPS standards and also form a foundation for the export of renewable energy as well. While neither OMS nor MISO funded this effort, a large synergy did exist as the UMTDI Commissioners and many state staffers who also perform OMS work and advise MISO worked closely with transmission owners and the Midwest ISO to address transmission planning and cost allocation issues. On September 30, 2010 UMTDI released its final report embracing certain wind zones and renewable energy transmission corridors.

