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As managing senior corporate counsel, Kari Valley oversees a team of attorneys and legal professionals supporting the system planning work at Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO). Kari and her team represent MISO before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on issues related to the development of the annual MISO Transmission Expansion Plan, cost allocation for transmission system investments, resource adequacy, generator interconnection, and similar matters. Prior to joining MISO, Kari served as assistant general counsel for Xcel Energy, representing the company before the Minnesota and South Dakota Public Utilities Commissions and the North Dakota Public Service Commission on matters including general rate cases, rate rider petitions, resource plans, certificates of need, and site permits for new generating facilities. Kari began her legal career serving as an assistant attorney general, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General, representing the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. As the Commission's legal counsel, she advised the agency on matters presented for decision-making. She also represented the Commission in appeals of its decisions as well as the Commission's own appeals of FERC decisions. Prior to becoming an attorney, Kari worked as Public Utilities Rates Analyst with the Minnesota Department of Commerce, appearing as an expert witness in contested case proceedings, analyzing utility petitions, and preparing recommendations for action by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Kari currently serves as the secretary of the board of directors for Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services and has previously served as the chair of the Public Utilities Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association. She actively volunteers on a variety of regulatory matters serving as a delegate for workshops with regulatory professionals from Kenya, India, the Black Sea region and

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