

Nomination Form for the Reliability Issues Steering Committee Nominations

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Q1

Information about you, the nominee:

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Information about the nominator (if different from nominee):

Q3

Briefly describe the nominee's experience and qualifications to serve on the RISC:

JoAnn Thompson has served one term on the RISC and actively participated in several of the ad hoc subcommittees. JoAnn's first term has provided good experience and background to further engage and promote the RISC's mission, goals, and objectives. JoAnn's technical training as an Electrical and Electronics Engineering graduate from North Dakota State University and her employment with Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) since 1997 provide the solid background to meaningfully engage on the RISC. She has served as Vice President, Asset Management since June 2014 and is accountable for transmission, distribution, and substation planning, engineering and protection; FERC/RTO policy; substation design and construction; transmission and substation maintenance; system operations; land rights and permitting; project management; metering; transmission and distribution inventory, delivery, and warehousing; facility/building planning and maintenance; and special projects including innovation and automation.

Thompson has served on the Midwest Reliability Organization's Board of Directors since 2015. Her roles at OTP provide her with a strong background and broad expertise and experience beneficial to valuably serving on the RISC. The location of OTP's LBA, is situated along the seam between MISO and SPP as well as bordering Manitoba province and four other MISO LBAs, which provides a unique perspective on reliability, seams complexity, and essential collaboration. JoAnn's previous roles provide direct experience necessary to strategically and technically add value on the RISC. She has previously held roles in System Operations (where she received her NERC Power System Operator certification as Reliability Coordinator) and managed OTP's Federal Regulatory Compliance and Policy Department (where she was responsible for directing FERC and MISO regulatory and transmission policy and compliance with FERC rules and regulations and NERC reliability standards).

Other experience that bolsters her insight to serve and add value on the RISC include providing testimony in numerous FERC and state proceedings. She previously served as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the MISO Owners Committee, numerous terms as the Transmission Owners' sector representative on the MISO Advisory Committee, and four terms as one of two elected Advisory Committee Representatives on the Nominating Committee for the MISO Board of Directors.

Throughout much of her career, she has also actively engaged in numerous industry groups and committees.

Q4

Select each area for which the nominee has expertise or oversight: Description of each Risk Profile can be found in the 2019 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report

- Grid Transformation ,**
- Extreme Natural Events,**
- Security Risks,**
- Critical Infrastructure Interdependencies**

Q5

Select each NERC Region that you represent:

MRO

Q6

Select each Industry Segment that you represent:

Transmission Owners

Q7

Select each Registered Function for which the nominee has expertise or oversight: These functions are defined in the NERC Functional Model, which is downloadable from the NERC Web site.

**Balancing Authority,
Distribution Provider,
Generator Operator,
Generator Owner,
Load-Serving Entity,
Transmission Operator,
Transmission Owner,
Transmission Planner**

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Q9

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