

*Eastern Interconnect States' Planning  
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# Iowa Office of Energy Independence



- Established by the General Assembly in 2007
- Seeks to help Iowans create an economically viable and environmentally sound energy future by:
  - Providing leadership through education, planning and investment
  - Developing policies to produce market transformation

# Importance of Governor's Representatives

- Approach transmission from slightly different perspective
  - Allow the participation of State Energy Offices in addition to Public Utility Commissions
- Add broader policy experience (to a highly public policy driven endeavor)
  - To technical expertise of Topic A group

# Importance of Governor's Representatives (Continued)

- Work closely with Governors' offices
- Expand stakeholder pool
  - Help ID study gaps in national, regional, state policies

# Importance of Governors

## Governor Led Transmission Planning

- Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative (UMTDI)
  - IA, MN, ND, SD, WI
- Midwest Governors' Association (MGA)
- WGA in western interconnect has shown progress

# Importance of Governors

- States as proving grounds
  - Last chance for states to agree
- Consensus Building
  - Regional and national coalitions. Ex. GWC
- Expanding the Scope
  - Regional, Super-regional and national gains

# Conclusions

- State Energy Offices Offer the Policy Perspective (State, regional, national)
- Assist with consensus building
- Are involved with a broad scope of energy-related issues