

## **Open Stakeholder Minutes**

## Questions/Comments:

1. What were the wind injection points in the state of Michigan?

The wind nameplate generation in MI is about 8 GW. The study is not modeling any wind at MI since the state has a requirement to meet the RPS with internal resources.

2. HVDC Alternative. Did the Smart Study consider an HVDC line from west to east (as an example, extending from Dakota to IL) since this would reduce the number of 765 kV lines that will be required?

Some states such as IL require that their wind power needs be met from resources in adjacent states only. Although, based on the performance of the transmission line between St. Joseph and Rockport under the assumptions of this study, the study sponsors are considering the evaluation of this line as a DC line in one of the alternatives.

- 3. A pure 345 kV alternative will be carried forward to determine the appropriate wind levels that a pure 345 kV alternative can support.
- 4. Where was the wind located for the study?

This information was dependent on the locations of wind projects in the queue and input from the study sponsors who have knowledge in where these projects in general are moving forward. This study also leveraged the work done by other EHV Overlay studies in identifying the wind zones.