

**BILL HISTORY FOR SENATE BILL 194 (LRB -2779 )**

An Act to amend 196.485 (1m) (b), 196.485 (1m) (c) and 196.485 (3m) (a) 1. e.; and to create 196.485 (3m) (b) 3. of the statutes; relating to: powers and duties of transmission company with responsibilities for electric transmission in this state.

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06-10. S.	Introduced by Senator Cowles; cosponsored by Representative Jensen.	
06-10. S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Energy and Utilities.	
06-11. S.	Public hearing held.	
06-11. S.	Executive action taken.	
06-12. S.	Report passage recommended by committee on Energy and Utilities, Ayes 5, Noes 0 ..	220
06-12. S.	Available for scheduling.	
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3 of transmission company with responsibilities for electric transmission in this

4 state.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill allows the American Transmission Company (ATC) to withdraw as a member of the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO). The ATC is a limited liability company created under state law that operates and maintains electric transmission facilities that were transferred to it by certain electric utilities. The MISO is an organization that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and that facilitates electric transmission in a region of the country that includes this state.

Current law requires the ATC to apply for membership in and remain a member of the MISO for a period of time specified in an agreement conditionally approved by FERC that established the MISO. Also, current law specifies that the ATC has the exclusive duty to provide electric transmission service in this state until the MISO begins operations, except that the exclusive duty does not apply to electric transmission service provided by electric utilities that have not transferred their transmission facilities to the ATC. After the MISO begins operations, current law provides that the MISO has the duty, not the ATC.

This bill allows the ATC to withdraw as a member of the MISO (or any similar organization), but only if the Public Service Commission (PSC) determines that the



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1 transmission service in the transmission area and shall ensure that each  
2 transmission facility in the transmission area that is under its operational control  
3 is planned, constructed, operated, maintained and controlled as part of a single  
4 transmission system.

5 **SECTION 3.** 196.485 (3m) (a) 1. e. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 196.485 (3m) (a) 1. e. ~~Remain~~ Except as provided under par. (b) 3., remain a  
7 member of the Midwest independent system operator, or any independent system  
8 operator or regional transmission organization that has been approved under federal  
9 law to succeed the Midwest independent system operator, for at least the 6-year  
10 transition period that is specified in the agreement conditionally approved by the  
11 federal energy regulatory commission that establishes the Midwest independent  
12 system operator.

13 **SECTION 4.** 196.485 (3m) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

14 196.485 (3m) (b) 3. Subject to any approval required under federal or state law,  
15 withdraw from the Midwest independent system operator or any other independent  
16 system operator or regional transmission organization of which the transmission  
17 company is or becomes a member, if the commission determines that the withdrawal  
18 is in the public interest.

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