

**PJM Interconnection Process Alternatives
Working Group of the TOA-AC
Charter
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BACKGROUND

- ✓ PJM and the PJM Transmission Owners have worked through the Regional Planning Process Working Group and other forums to streamline the PJM interconnection study process with the objective of reducing study times for interconnection requests
- ✓ Recent reforms are expected to speed the PJM interconnection study process
- ✓ Even with these reforms in place, study times may exceed Tariff requirements because of the number of interconnection requests requiring network upgrades
- ✓ PJM has recently experienced a large number of interconnection requests from wind generation and the number of wind interconnection requests is expected to continue to grow
- ✓ PJM and the PJM Transmission Owners as well as other stakeholders want interconnection requests to be studied quickly

MISSION

PJM and the PJM Transmission Owners will examine potential changes to the PJM interconnection process that would reduce study times to the Tariff timeframes if possible even with an increase in interconnection requests beyond the current volume of requests.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Examine the interconnection processes used by other RTOs and in other areas of the USA
- ✓ Identify what major alternatives or enhancements to the PJM interconnection process could be made
- ✓ Select one or several alternatives or enhancements for analysis
- ✓ Analyze the impact of implementing the alternatives selected:
 - ✓ Improvement in study times
 - ✓ Study work required by PJM and the TOs
 - ✓ Cost assignment of facilities
 - ✓ Impact on those requesting interconnection
- ✓ Complete analysis and report work to the TOA-AC by the 2009 PJM Annual Meeting

APPROACH

- ✓ 8Jan2009 Present charter to TOA-AC
- ✓ Jan2009 Meet to identify major alternatives or enhancements
- ✓ Feb 2009 Select one or several alternatives for analysis
- ✓ Feb 2009 Report progress to date
- ✓ April2009 Complete analysis
- ✓ May2009 Report findings