



PJM Interconnection
Summary of the SIS Meeting for the Oct 2011 OC Meeting
955 Jefferson Avenue
Norristown, PA
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1. PJM'S AC² (EMS) COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Mr. Dave Souder provided an update on the AC² migration and Go-Live plan. A 96 hour stability run was completed in early September. PJM began the last production simulation on September 12th. This is expected to last for more three weeks, giving a go-live date of mid to late October. The targeted go-live date will depend on a successful completion of the final production simulation. The PJM EMS Fall Model build is now targeted for September 27th-28th.

The production simulation is expected to end October 3rd. Mr. Souder stated that this may be extended if any critical defects come up (these would reset the timeline). PJM will provide a two week notification after the simulation activities are completed and before we go live. In response to a question, Mr. Souder stated that any member company wishing to perform more testing should contact John Smith directly.

Mr. Souder reiterated that members need to ensure they have technical support available during the cutover. The timelines were reviewed, and Mr. Souder referred members to a recorded WebEx session from August 29th which includes additional plan details. This is available on PJM's web site.

2. COMMUNICATION & SYSTEMS ISSUES

Mr. Satkowski commented on the Frequency Regulation: Pay for Performance presentation given in the last meeting . There was discussion about observations during recent on-site tests. Mr. Satkowski requested documentation on how SCED will handle various scenarios, including a calculated ramp rate of zero.



3. EES PERFORMANCE

Mr. Chris Smart (manager, Operations Applications) and Chris Advena (manager, Transmission Service) provided an update on EES performance enhancements. PJM has been working on a new version of EES to address performance issues. The new version was first extensively tested internally, then in the 'sandbox'. The new application was deployed to production on Monday September 12th. However, a different performance profile (from what was previously observed) from users occurred. In response to issues, PJM reverted to the previous version of EES.

Mr. Smart and Mr. Advena discussed memory management issues with the application. We observed that the application did not release memory when users had logged in. PJM has been working to correct those issues, and is performing extensive regression testing to ensure a smooth follow-up deployment. Mr. Smart commented there has been a significant increase in utilization in recent years, especially in the mornings.

4. PJMNET LINK OUTAGE REPORT

Mr. Rich Glaum reviewed the link outage report. In general there were no major failures this month. Mr. Graff suggested that, in light of the known issues with the reporting at this time, we should temporarily suspend report creation. There were no objections.

Mr. Glaum reviewed the work on the procedure for member companies to report scheduled outages of their systems. Member companies will experience minimal impact. PJM will no longer support individual names; a company must have an alias. Mr. Glaum will be sending an e-mail to cover the changes.

5. ESUITE STATUS REPORT

Mr. Whooley reviewed the eSuite status report. The old (pre-ATSI) eData LMP contour map was fully retired. Enhancements have been made to wireless eData and iPhone. Support for FireFox is coming. .