

LARGE LOAD ADDITIONS

Issue Source

The PJM Board of Managers (PJM Board) issued a [Letter](#) on August 8, 2025 in which the Board initiated the Critical Issue Fast Path (CIFP) process delineated in Manual 34: PJM Stakeholder Process, section 8.6.4.

Issue Content

This issue is intended to address potential resource adequacy challenges arising from the rapid interconnection of large loads. By developing reliability-based solutions, the purpose is to ensure that these large loads can continue to be integrated quickly and reliably—without compromising system resource adequacy.

Key Work Activities and Scope

1. Provide education (beyond what was provided during the pre-CIFP workshop on August 18th, 2025 and September 2nd, 2025 as necessary, concerning proposed design elements and solution options.
2. Explore temporary and/or permanent solutions considering:
 - a. the quantity of capacity demand to be represented in capacity auctions;
 - b. consideration of potential impacts of any proposal on long-term Quadrennial review results;
 - c. options for PJM-facilitated supply procurement, timing, tenor and cost allocation if the desired level of demand cannot be met;
 - d. options for customers to bring ~~new-generation~~ supply to meet their load requirements;
 - e. reliability implications for demand in excess of the capacity procured;
 - f. leveraging existing resource adequacy tools, including demand response and load flexibility
 - g. if applicable, criteria for when this solution is triggered and for when it is no longer necessary;
 - h. whether and how any solution alternatives impact the clearing results of a capacity auction.
 - i. whether and how any solution alternative respects and accommodates Self-Supply Entities' supply arrangements that comply with state law requirements and obligations, to the extent applicable, and are permissible under the current PJM Reliability Assurance Agreement

3. Explore potential solutions that include further changes to interconnection rules targeting resource adequacy challenges to the extent they are narrowly focused, **such as accelerated queue options**, with objective for consensus by EOY 2025.
4. Explore potential solutions that include further changes to the Load Forecast process targeting resource adequacy challenges to the extent they are narrowly focused, **such as LLA included in the load forecast (Manual 19, Attachment B), state reviews of load forecast, and load bid into the auction**, with objective for consensus by EOY 2025.
5. **Explore potential solutions that include further enhancements to existing DR or PRD rules as necessary or appropriate to accommodate the participation of large loads that are narrowly focused, such as parameter adjustments, criteria, and notifications, with objective for consensus by EOY 2025.**
6. Consideration of updates to PJM's existing manual load dump allocation process that are narrowly focused with objective for consensus by EOY 2025.
7. Ensure potential solutions address proper coordination between PJM and the parties who establish contracts/agreements with large loads, PJM states and impacted customers. This includes recognition of jurisdictional boundaries and data center relationships with existing Load Serving Entities and/or Electric Distribution Companies.
8. **Ensure transparency around forecasts, assumptions, participation, methodologies, interconnections, supply arrangements, and costs where possible and practical.**

Out of Scope

Retail and Non-Retail Behind the Meter Generation

Transmission Planning, Service, Upgrades, and Cost Allocation

Net Metering

Complete Redesign or Removal of Demand Response or PRD programs and products ~~(except narrow changes that may be necessary or appropriate to accommodate the participation of large loads)~~

Load forecast schedule changes or overhaul of entire load forecast process

Quadrennial Review

Expected Deliverables

1. Draft Matrix, including options considered and PJM's preferred solution.
2. Additional stakeholder design criteria options.

3. Additional stakeholder solution packages
4. Final PJM and stakeholder proposals.
5. Members Committee advisory vote on proposal(s) and related governing document language.

Decision-Making Method

This effort will be accomplished via the CIFP process in accordance with Manual 34, section 8.6.4. Following the Stage 4 meeting, a Members Committee meeting is expected to be convened for the purpose of advisory voting on proposals developed via the CIFP (truncated voting will not apply). Ultimately a decision on a filing with the FERC will be made by the PJM Board. As it is expected that the entirety of this issue is to be contained in the PJM Reliability Assurance Agreement, such filing is anticipated to be submitted pursuant to FPA section 205.

Stakeholder Group Assignment

This work will be conducted through the Critical Issue Fast Path reporting directly to the Members Committee.

Expected Duration of Work Timeline

Pursuant to the PJM Board's August 8, 2025 letter initiating the CIFP, this work is expected to conclude with the Members Committee meeting on November 19, 2025. The Stages 1-4 CIFP Meetings will occur as follows:

2025 Work Plan	
Pre-CIFP	
Discussions, Feedback & Education	Aug. 18, Sept. 2
CIFP Formal Process	
Stage 1: PJM PS/IC & initial proposal including matrix	Sept. 15
Stage 2: PJM and stakeholder development of the matrix options	Oct. 1, Oct. 14
Stage 3: PJM and stakeholders develop and finalize proposals	Oct. 24, Nov. 6
Stage 4: Final meeting* Special MC Meeting / Vote	Nov. 19 Nov. 19
Board review	
Feedback to members	
Filing	December

Start Date	Priority Level	Timing	Meeting Frequency
9/15/25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Near Term <input type="checkbox"/> Far Term	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly (see schedule above) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly

Charter

(check one box)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This document will serve as the Charter for a new group created by its approval.
<input type="checkbox"/>	This work will be handled in an existing group with its own Charter (and applicable amendments).

More detail available in M34; Section 6