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BOARD DIRECTED 'CONNECT AND MANAGE'

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PJM is experiencing an unprecedented volume of large electric load interconnection requests, particularly from data centers and other high-density loads, many of which seek service on accelerated timelines. As discussed in the Board's Decisional Letter on the Critical Issue Fast Path – Large Load Additions (<https://www.pjm.com/-/media/DotCom/about-pjm/who-we-are/public-disclosures/2026/20260116-pjm-board-letter-re-results-of-the-cifp-process-large-load-additions.pdf>), the PJM Board of Managers has directed PJM to implement a “Connect and Manage” framework that allows qualifying large loads to connect to the PJM system subject to defined operational controls, including curtailment during specified system conditions to protect residential customers from potential power outages. However, the current PJM Tariff, Operating Agreement, and Manuals do not explicitly define the eligibility criteria, operational triggers, curtailment mechanics, or market implications necessary to implement such a framework in a transparent, consistent, and enforceable manner.