

PJM Connect and Manage Large Loads During Energy Shortages Issue Charge

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- The Board recognizes the expressed interests at both the federal and state levels in facilitating the timely interconnection of large loads.
- Where PJM can support regional growth while maintaining system reliability and ensuring rates remain just and reasonable, the Board believes it is appropriate to pursue those outcomes.
- The Board also notes, consistent with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) recent co-location determination, the significant role of the states and their jurisdiction over the interconnection of retail load.

- We now have the reality that the 27/28 BRA has cleared ~6.5GW short of the IRM target. This is driven, in part, by new Large Load Additions submitted through the LAS forecast, without adequate new supply.

- If not addressed, this could lead to reliability concerns and potential load curtailments to existing customers if we enter the delivery year (6/1/2027) with a capacity portfolio that does not meet the Forecasted Load plus IRM requirement

- PJM needs an interim solution to assign the shortfall to the LSEs that are interconnecting new Large Load Additions until new supply “catches up.”

1. Education

Education on legal topics including state and federal jurisdiction, and implicated processes and procedures that exist today (including the Large Load Addition process and its inclusion in the Base Residual Auction (BRA), and existing reporting requirements for LSEs to identify new generating capacity additions to offset Large Load Additions).

2. Scoping Load

Discuss and develop the process to determine the new Large Load Additions that will be subject to the connect and manage framework

3. Scoping Supply

Discuss and develop what qualifying BYONG or other supply resource arrangements (and their related terms and conditions) would be acceptable to offset the quantity of load subject to Connect and Manage across EDCs/TOs.

<p>4.</p> <p>Assess/Update Process, Procedures, Documentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track supply-load linkages for purposes of determining how PJM, the PJM states, LSEs, and/or Transmission Owners will perform their respective roles under the connect and manage framework; and• Allow PJM, the PJM states, LSEs, and/or Transmission Owners to evaluate on a Delivery Year basis new large load additions that are not linked with qualifying BYONG or other supply arrangements
<p>5.</p> <p>Shortfall allocation methodology and transparency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss and develop methodology used to allocate capacity shortfalls associated with new Large Loads for a given Delivery Year (DY) to the EDC/TOs, as a function of applicable large load additions and applicable qualifying BYONG or other supply resource arrangements paired with new Large Load Additions• Also, discuss and develop mechanisms to promote transparency into the MW quantities identified for potential curtailment by the EDC/TO and the broader PJM stakeholder community

6. **Develop the framework for curtailment**

- This includes a new emergency procedure to be issued prior to the deployment of pre-emergency Demand Response that PJM would use to issue a curtailment instruction to the EDC/TO for their implementation, including the applicable conditions under which the procedure could be implemented, relationship to other emergency procedures, and other relevant details.
- The framework development will also consider any associated automations, telemetry and/or market outcome reforms, such as price formation during curtailments. This procedure is expected to be an interim measure that will only be necessary during the transition Delivery Years until new supply can sufficiently match the increasing load

As instructed by the Board letter, the following items are considered **out of scope**:

- 1.** Changes to the **demand** included in the Capacity Auction
- 2.** Changes to the **current authority of the TO/LSE/State** to determine the specific retail load/customers they will curtail after receiving an instruction from PJM to curtail load
- 3.** Changes to the **overall Manual Load Dump allocation approach across the RTO**. It is intended that this work be handled as a follow-on stakeholder effort.

Next Steps

- If the Issue Charge is approved, PJM is targeting to schedule the first Connect and Manage Senior Task Force (CAMSTF) meeting for **3/31/26, 9-12:00 p.m. EPT.**
- This will allow for work to begin expeditiously to address the rapidly approaching reliability concerns.
- This will also provide timely insights into PJM's initial connect and manage thinking that will be useful information for the reliability backstop procurement discussions.

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