

2026 RTEP Assumptions from the Independent State Agencies Committee

PJM Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee

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Background

ER12-1178 - “PJM’s proposed [Operating Agreement] revisions establish that the role of the Independent State Agencies Committee is to provide input to the PJM planning process.” 139 FERC ¶ 61,080 at P 18.

Initial Order No. 1000 Compliance Order - By incorporating public policy requirements and initiatives at the assumptions stage of the RTEP process and as part of its enhancement and expansion studies, PJM considers how public policy requirements and initiatives contribute to transmission system needs. 142 FERC ¶ 61,214 at P 111.

RTEP Assumptions

Operating Agreement, Schedule 6, 1.5.6 (b)

The Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee and the Subregional RTEP Committees shall each facilitate a minimum of one initial assumptions meeting to be scheduled at the commencement of the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan process. The purpose of the assumptions meeting shall be to provide an open forum to discuss the following:

- (i) the assumptions to be used in performing the evaluation and analysis of the potential enhancements and expansions to the Transmission Facilities;
- (ii) Public Policy Requirements identified by the states for consideration in the Office of the Interconnection's transmission planning analyses;
- (iii) Public Policy Objectives identified by stakeholders for consideration in the Office of the Interconnection's transmission planning analyses;
- (iv) the impacts of regulatory actions, projected changes in load growth, demand response resources, energy efficiency programs, price responsive demand, generating additions and retirements, market efficiency and other trends in the industry; and
- (v) alternative sensitivity studies, modeling assumptions and scenario analyses proposed by the Committee participants.

PJM OA - Schedule 6, 1.5.6 (e)

PJM shall facilitate periodic meetings with the Independent State Agencies Committee to discuss:

- the assumptions to be used in performing the evaluation and analysis of the potential enhancements and expansions to the Transmission Facilities;
- regulatory initiatives, as appropriate, including state regulatory agency-initiated programs, and other Public Policy Objectives, to consider including in PJM transmission planning analyses;
- the impacts of regulatory actions, projected changes in load growth, demand response resources, energy efficiency programs, generating capacity, market efficiency and other trends in the industry; and
- alternative sensitivity studies, modeling assumptions and scenario analyses proposed by Independent State Agencies Committee.

PJM shall also discuss the current status of the enhancement and expansion study process.

PJM shall inform the Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee and the Subregional RTEP Committees, as appropriate, of the input of the Independent State Agencies Committee and shall consider such input in developing the range of assumptions to be used in the studies and scenario analyses.

ISAC Assumptions

- Renewable Portfolio Standards
- Policies affecting Generator Deactivations
- Policies Affecting Existing Generation
- Clean Energy Policies
- State Electrification Policies
- State Energy Storage Targets
- State Offshore Wind Targets
- Generator Siting Restrictions and Opportunities
- New Gas Build Assumptions
- Additional Incentives for New Generation
- New IRP and Large Load Tariffs Tabs

2026 Updates and Additions

- Existing Generation - IL can extend carbon mitigation credit, 2 KY policies
- Clean Energy Policies - DC Clean Energy Act, NJ community solar and transmission scale storage, VA note that CEA has reliability safeguard
- Electrification – DC, OH IRA funding note, PA pending legislation for EV charging, OAG opinion that VA will no longer be tied to CA clean car standard
- OSW Targets – More specificity on MD, NJ, VA targets
- Storage – IL Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act, MD and NJ updates, PA goals imply storage needed
- Gen Siting
 - Restrictions – KY, OH, VA updates; new PA tab on solar siting
 - Opportunities – OH HB 15

New IRP and large load tariffs tab



Questions?

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