

Planning Discussion

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Item #1

Assumptions into the Planning Cases

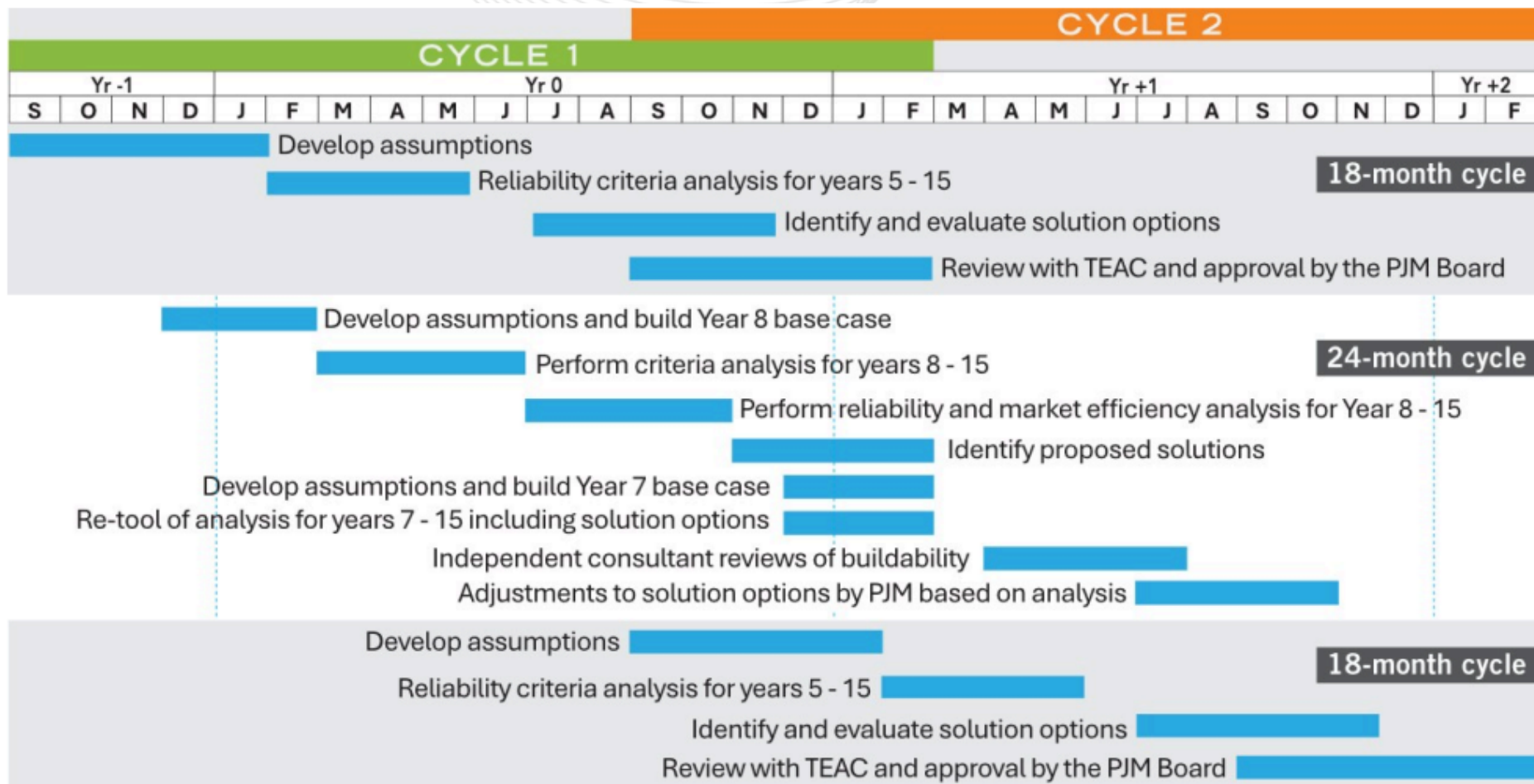
Load forecast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses the results from the long-term forecast published in January each year
New generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds any projects that executed a GIA. More generation will be added to balance generation and load if needed.• Adjustments to policy-based generation
Announced retirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporates retirements with CIRs expiring with planning range
Long-term firm service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporates any new contracts
Demand Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporates updated values from recent auctions
Transmission topology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any new baseline upgrades developed in the prior Planning cycle and approved by the PJM Board.• Any supplemental projects that completed the M-3 process in the prior Planning cycle

- PJM begins presenting assumption at the January TEAC each year and will update, as needed until the competitive window opens
 - 2025 assumptions updates: [January](#), [March](#), [April](#), [May](#), [July](#) (slide 13)
 - 2026 assumptions updates: [January](#)
- Assumptions will be the basis for all cases developed in this Planning cycle

- Anticipated changes can lead to the creation of sensitivity scenarios to help “right-size” solutions.
- Examples (not an exhaustive list of possibilities)
 - Load growth – rapidly continuing load growth could lead to larger solutions that solve the near-term need (5-year case) as well as longer term needs
 - Offshore wind – delays in generation schedules could change the timing of when upgrades are needed

Item #2

Planning Horizons



From PJM Manual 14B ([link](#))