

# 2026 Load Forecast Timeline

Load Analysis Subcommittee  
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Resource Adequacy Planning

- PJM contracts with S&P for the distributed solar and battery storage and electric vehicle forecasts
  - PJM will ask for stakeholder input on solar/battery and electric vehicle forecast assumptions – July
    - Two week comment period to provide any edits or questions to PJM
  - PJM will relay any edits or questions to the S&P teams working on forecasts

- The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) makes major revisions to metropolitan area delineations every 10 years based on their county components, accounting for changes in commuter flows and population size.
- Our economic vendor, Moody's, will be incorporating these new revisions in their monthly releases.
- PJM is reviewing current economic mappings and will post updated economic zonal mappings for review.
  - **A pardot message will be sent out to LAS when this information is available.**

For reference, 2025 Load Forecast economic mapping (pg 46):

<https://www.pjm.com/-/media/DotCom/planning/res-adeq/load-forecast/2025-long-term-load-forecast-supplement.pdf>

EIA's National Energy Modeling System (NEMS), which we use to produce our *Annual Energy Outlook* (AEO), requires substantial updates to better model hydrogen, carbon capture, and other emerging technologies. To facilitate these model enhancements, we will not publish an AEO in 2024. You can find more information in [our Statement on the \*Annual Energy Outlook\* and EIA's plan to enhance long-term modeling capabilities.](#)

Update: Visit the [AEO2025 Resource page](#) for additional information.

From: <https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/>

- PJM will have have updated AEO data on saturation and efficiency and will use the AEO 2025 data for the 2026 Load Forecast.

## Behind the Meter Solar/Storage and Electric Vehicles

### Early July

Assumptions review:

- \* Solar/Storage
- \* Electric Vehicles

### Two week

#### comment period

PJM receives information assumptions to share with S&P

### Late July

Assumptions finalized

## Economic – MSA redefinition

### Late June/Early July

Review updated mapping:  
Pardot message sent with location of  
updated MSA mappings for zonal  
economics

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