

# Affordability and Reliability for Residential Consumers User Group (ARRC User Group)

Tuesday, January 27  
Draft minutes  
(Drafted by Greg Poulos)

\*The meeting started at 1:00 PM (EST)

## I. Administration (Brian Lipman – Chair)

- a. Brian provided a brief introduction of the ARRC User Group
- b. Brian announced the initial seven member organizations of the ARRC User Group
- c. Roll Call of the ARRC User Group members – **Quorum was met**
  - i. Delaware Division of the Public Advocate (DE) – Present (Jameson Tweedie)
  - ii. District of Columbia Office of the People’s Counsel (DC) – Present (Ankush Nayar)
  - iii. Illinois Citizens Utility Board (IL) – Present (Clara Summers)
  - iv. Maryland Office of the People’s Counsel (MD) – Present (Phil Sussler)
  - v. New Jersey Division of the Rate Counsel (NJ) – Present (Brian Lipman)
  - vi. Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel (OH) – Present (Angela O’Brien)
  - vii. Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate (PA) – Present (Mel El Atieh)

## II. ARRC User Group Charter

A brief review of the ARRC User Group Charter was provided by Brian Lipman and Greg Poulos. The draft language was included as part of the meeting materials on the PJM website. Of note, a proposed revision was made to the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate member name in the Member List – an extraneous “the” was removed.

After a few brief comments of support were provided by the ARRC User Group Members, a motion was made by Brian Lipman (NJ) to approve the charter with the noted revision to the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate member name in the Member list section. (second by Jameson Tweedie (DE)). **The motion was approved via an acclamation vote with zero objections and zero abstentions.**

## III. Incorporating Affordability into PJM’s Governance Documents

A brief introduction of two proposed changes to PJM's governing documents was provided. As presented, the proposed changes were to incorporate the term "affordability" for the consumers in the PJM region into: (1) PJM's Operating Agreement; and (2) PJM's Mission Statement. The specific redlined changes were presented as attached materials to the meeting. Support and discussion was briefly provided by Members of the ARRC User Group. Of particular note, a legal disclaimer was provided by Mel El Atieh (PA) discussing general support for these proposed changes while differentiating the legal application of applicable state laws requiring reliable and affordable utility service at the lowest cost.

For voting purposes the two items were addressed separately:

First, a motion was made by Brian Lipman (NJ) to approve the proposed changes to the PJM Operating Agreement and send the proposal to the Chair of the Members Committee for further consideration in accordance with Operating Agreement section 8.7(d). Phil Sussler (MD) seconded the motion. Specifically, as presented in the redlined document provided with the meeting materials, the proposed changes were to incorporate the term "affordability" for the consumers in the PJM region into PJM's Operating Agreement. **The motion to approve the proposal and request further action by the PJM Members Committee was affirmed by vote. Voting to support the action were all seven ARRC Members – DC, DE, IL CUB, MD, NJ, OH, PA. There were zero objections or abstentions.**

Second, a motion was made by Brian Lipman (NJ) to approve proposed changes to PJM's Mission Statement and send the proposal to the Chair of the Members Committee for further consideration in accordance with Operating Agreement section 8.7(d). Jameson Tweedie (DE) seconded the motion. As presented the proposed changes were to incorporate the term "affordability" for the consumers into PJM's Mission statement. Specifically, as presented in the redlined document provided with the meeting materials. **The motion to approve the proposal and request further action by the PJM Members Committee was affirmed by vote. Voting to support the action were all seven ARRC Members – DC, DE, IL CUB, MD, NJ, OH, PA. There were zero objections or abstentions.**

#### IV. Seasonal Market Timeline

Brian Lipman presented a topic for future consideration: The timeline for further review and possible transition to a seasonal capacity market design. The ensuing discussion included a recognition and support to have a seasonal capacity market design considered in the very near future along with other market changes. Further discussion or action was tabled for a later meeting.

#### V. Brief update on PJM wholesale cost for customers

Greg Poulos, Executive Director, Consumer Advocates of the PJM States “CAPS” provided a presentation on data that had been collected for CAPS to provide perspective on the electricity related costs paid for by Consumers in the PJM region.

VI. Future Business/agenda topics and Adjournment (Lipman)

Brian Lipman provided closure to the meeting by acknowledging a request by Ankush Nayar (DC) for future discussions about PJM Board Nominations. Specific concerns that were presented as part of the discussion included pursuing a preference for candidates residing in the region and for candidates with a consumer advocate background.

No additional meeting dates were set as the meeting concluded. Adjournment was 1:55 PM (EST).