

Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

March 8, 2024

Member Meeting #1 for 2024

Minutes (approved 12/10/2024)

- I. Administration - The meeting commenced at 1:01 PM (EST)
 - a. Casey Roberts – Public Interest (PI)/Environmental Organization (EO) Co-Chair commenced the meeting
 - b. Roll Call of PIEOUG Active Members was conducted by Greg Poulos, secretary
 - i. Consumer Advocate - **Quorum of consumers advocates was met.**
 - 1. Illinois Citizen Utility Board, Clara Summers
 - 2. Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, Scott Jones
 - 3. Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate, Patrick Cicero, Dave Evrard
 - 4. Maryland Office of the People’s Counsel, Phil Sussler
 - 5. New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, Dave Wand
 - 6. North Carolina Utilities Commission - Public Staff, Jordan Nader
 - ii. Environmental/Public Interest – **Quorum of PI/EO was met.**
 - 1. Siera Club, Casey Roberts
 - 2. Natural Resources Defense Council, Tom Rutigliano
 - 3. Earth Justice, Nick Lawton & Danielle Fidler
 - 4. Tyson Slocum, Public Citizen
 - 5. WRI, Zach Greene
 - 6. Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future, Rob Altenburg
 - 7. Environmental Law & Policy Center, Nick Wallace
 - Non registered public interest/environmental organizations**
 - 8. Julie Bolthouse, Piedmont Environmental Council
 - 9. Tom Bullock, Ohio CUB
 - 10. RMI, Claire Wayner and Katie Siegner
 - c. Review of registration procedures (Poulos)
 - A brief review of the CAPS voting procedures was provided.
 - d. Review/vote to approve draft minutes from the October 11, 2023 meeting (Poulos)
 - i. A motion was made by Tom Rutigliano to approve the October 11, 2023 meeting minutes (Second by Casey Roberts)
 - ii. **The motion was approved by an acclamation vote with no objections and no requests to abstain from the vote.**

- II. Brief update on PJM wholesale cost for customers, including transmission costs (Greg Poulos, Executive Director, Consumer Advocates of the PJM States “CAPS”)
 - A brief presentation was provided using the posted power point presentation as a guide.
- III. PM Brief introduction to consumer advocate desires for *comprehensive* long-term regional transmission planning (Poulos)
 - A brief presentation was provided using the posted power point presentation as a guide.
- IV. A moderated panel discussion on comprehensive long-term regional transmission planning

Moderator: Clara Summers, Consumers for a Better Grid Campaign Manager, Illinois Citizens Utility Board

Rob Gramlich, Founder and President, Grid Strategies LLC

Ari Peskoe, Director of the Electricity Law Initiative at Harvard Law School

Natalie McIntire, Senior Advocate, Natural Resources Defense Council

The Moderator provided introductions of each of the speakers followed by 5-7 minute presentations by the three speakers. In addition, a short Q&A was conducted by the moderator for the speakers. Finally, Members of the PIEOUG were invited to ask questions to the speakers. The members of the PIEOUG asked a number of questions.

- V. Update on RMI’s Grid Enhancing Technology (GETs) paper, Katie Siegner, RMI
 - A brief presentation was provided by Katie Siegner using a power point presentation.
- VI. Future Business/agenda topics/open discussion (Rutigliano – subbing for Roberts)
 - Note: this topic was discussed prior to the RMI GET paper update while the RMI presentation was loading.

The meeting ended at approximately 3:02 PM (EST).