

Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

December 10, 2024

Minutes (Greg Poulos)

Approved 3/20/2025

- I. Administration (Meeting commencement – 2:34 PM (EST))
(Brian Lipman – Co-Chair, Consumer Advocate Co-Chair & Tom Rutigliano – Public Interest/Environmental Organization Co-Chair)
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Consumer advocates
 1. Brian Lipman, NJ Rate Payer Advocate
 2. Clara Summers, Illinois Citizens Utility Board
 3. Bill Fields, Maryland Office of the People’s Counsel
 4. Yohannes Mariam, D.C. Office of the People’s Counsel
 5. Andy Ford, Ohio Consumers’ Counsel
 - ii. Public interest/Environmental organizations
 1. Tom Rutigliano, Natural Resources Defense Council
 2. Claire Lang-Ree, Natural Resource Defense Council
 3. Rob Altenberg, Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future (PennFuture)
 4. Megan Wachspress, Sierra Club
 5. Mike Jacobs, Union of Concerned Scientists
 6. Nick Lawton, Earthjustice
 7. Nick Wallace, Environmental Law & Policy Center
 8. Zach Green, World Resources Institute
 9. Katie Siegner, Rocky Mountain Institute
 10. Sarah Toth Kotnis, Rocky Mountain Institute
 11. Claire Wayner, Rocky Mountain Institute
 - iii. Quorum met – 5 active members for the consumer advocate offices and 5 active members for the public interest/environmental organizations
 - b. Review/vote to approve draft minutes from the March 8 , 2024 meeting
 - i. Motion made by Brian Lipman (second by Tom Rutigliano) to approve the March 8, 2024 draft meeting minutes.
 - ii. **The Motion was approved by acclamation vote with no objections and no abstentions.**
 - c. The announcement was made that former Environmental organization/public interest co-chair Casey Roberts had approved the request of Americans for a Clean Energy Grid to be a Member of PIEOUG.
 - d. Agenda item added:

- i. A request was made to add an agenda item to replace the former Environmental organization/public interest co-chair Casey Roberts. Casey Roberts withdrew as co-chair when she left Sierra Club a few months back.
- ii. The agenda was modified to add this voting item without any objections.
- iii. Claire Lang-Ree's name had previously been requested to be offered for the co-chair role. A request for more names was made and no other names were offered.
- iv. Tom Rutigliano asked for a roll call vote on the nominations of Claire Lang Ree as the new co-chair of the PIEOUG Environmental Organization/Public interest members. The vote passed unanimously with the following roll call votes in favor:
 1. Natural Resources Defense Council
 - a. Tom Rutigliano
 - b. Claire Lang-Ree
 2. Rob Altenberg, Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)
 3. Megan Wachspress, Sierra Club
 4. Mike Jacobs, Union of Concerned Scientists
 5. Nick Lawton, Earthjustice
 6. Nick Wallace, Environmental Law & Policy Center
 7. Zach Green, World Resources Institute
 8. RMI (one vote)
 - a. Katie Siegner, Rocky Mountain Institute
 - b. Sarah Toth Kotnis, Rocky Mountain Institute
 - c. Claire Wayner, Rocky Mountain Institute

Claire Lang-Ree was approved as the Co-Chair of the PIEOUG (Environmental/Public Interest). No objections or abstentions were made.

- II. Brief update on PJM wholesale cost for customers, including transmission costs (Greg Poulos, Executive Director, Consumer Advocates of the PJM States "CAPS")
 - a. A brief presentation with slides was provided.
- III. Update on consumer advocate evaluation of PJM Planning processes. (Poulos)
 - a. A brief presentation with slides was provided.
- IV. Requested topics for discussion in 2025 (Poulos)
 - a. A brief presentation with slides was provided including
 - i. A request to review the PIEOUG Charter
 - ii. A Request to the PIEOUG by the Consumer Advocates to provide time throughout 2025 to examine ways to remove barriers and encourage batteries/storage participation in PJM markets and planning. (Poulos)

- iii. Request to the PIEOUG by the Consumer Advocates to provide time throughout 2025 to examine ways to promote and develop load flexibility throughout PJM markets. (Poulos)
 - iv. Request to the PIEOUG by the Consumer Advocate to provide time throughout 2025 to explore sub-annual market designs that provide a more accurate and efficient capacity market construct. (Poulos)
- V. Update on RMI's paper, Mind the Regulatory Gap, How to enhance local transmission oversight, Claire Wayner, RMI
 - a. A brief presentation with slides was provided.
- VI. The meeting ended at 3:31 PM (Lipman)