

Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

December 10, 2024

Draft Minutes (Greg Poulos)

- 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, 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)