

Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

March 20, 2025

1:30-3:00 PM (EST)

Member Meeting #1 for 2025

(Draft minutes by Greg Poulos)

- I. Administration 1:31 PM (EST)
(Brian Lipman – Co-Chair, Consumer Advocate Co-Chair & Claire Lang-Ree – Public Interest/Environmental Organization Co-Chair)
 - a. Roll Call of PIEOUG members (Poulos)
 - i. Consumer Advocate offices
 1. Brian Lipman, New Jersey Division of the Rate Counsel
 2. Kim Janas, Office of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office – Public Utilities Bureau
 3. Clara Summers, Illinois Citizens Utility Board
 4. Bill Fields, Maryland Office of the People’s Counsel
 5. Jordan Nader, Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission
 6. Art Iler, Indiana Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor
 - ii. Public Interest/Environmental
 1. Claire Lang-Ree, Natural Resources Defense Council
 2. Tom Rutigliano, Natural Resources Defense Council
 3. Nick Wallace, Environmental Law & Policy Center
 4. Nick Lawton, Earthjustice
 5. Mike Jacobs, Union of Concerned Scientists
 6. Rob Altenburg, Citizen’s for Pennsylvania’s Future (Penn Future)
 - ***Quorum met with five members of the consumer advocates and five members of the public interest/environmental organizations present.
 - b. Review/vote to approve draft minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting
 - i. A brief introduction of the draft minutes was provided.
 - ii. A motion to approve the minutes was offered by (Brian Lipman and seconded by Mike Jacobs).
 - iii. **The minutes were approved via an acclamation vote with no objections and one abstention**
- II. Introduction of proposed charter changes to provide further clarity around PIEOUG User Group voting procedures. (Poulos)

- a. A brief introduction to the proposed changes to the PIEOUG Charter and PJM Operating Agreement were provided with an explanation of the reason the changes are proposed. Interested parties were asked to provide comments before the next meeting.
- III. Brief update on PJM wholesale cost for customers (Greg Poulos, Executive Director, Consumer Advocates of the PJM States “CAPS”)
 - a. A brief update on the current wholesale cost of electricity for PJM wholesale customers was provided.
 - b. Mr. Dave Anders, PJM, provided a clarification that the assertion on slide 4 that transmission costs will rise 15-20% starting in 2025 because of a reporting error is incorrect. Moving forward, the PJM wholesale transmission costs as reported by the PJM Independent Market Monitor will reflect the consumer bill impact which is generally 15-20% higher than the components that PJM previously included in PJM’s analysis.
- IV. Panel discussion: This panel has been invited as we explore a sub-annual market design that provides a more accurate and efficient capacity market construct moving forward.

Moderator: Kim Janas, Illinois Attorney General’s Office, Counsel

Panel:

 - James Wilson, Wilson Energy Economics
 - Kent Chandler, R Street Institute, Resident, Sr. Fellow
 - Tom Rutigliano, NRDC, Sr. Advocate, Climate & Energy
 - Ramteen Sioshansi, Carnegie Mellon University, Engineering and Public Policy – College of Engineering

The panelists provided their insights on the value of developing a seasonal capacity market in the region. A few questions from the audience were also taken.
- V. Future Business/agenda topics/open discussion (Lipman/Lang-Ree)
 - a. Claire Lang-Ree closed out the meeting and announced their would be another PIEOUG panel schedule for April 20. The April 20th panel will discuss the opportunities, and barriers, for battery storage resources in the PJM region.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM (EST)