

Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

April 16, 2025

1:00-3:00 PM (EST)

Member Meeting #2 for 2025

Draft Minutes (drafted by Greg Poulos, PIEOUG secretary)

- I. Administration (The meeting commenced at 1:03 PM (EST))
(Brian Lipman – Co-Chair, Consumer Advocate Co-Chair & Claire Lang-Ree – Public Interest/Environmental Organization Co-Chair)
 - a. Roll Call *Quorum not met. Five members from both types, (1) Consumer Advocate offices and (2) Public Interest/Environmental Organizations) must be present.
 - i. Consumer Advocate offices
 1. Brian Lipman
 2. Jordan Nader
 3. Angela O'Brien
 4. Clara Summers
 5. Scott Jones
 - ii. Public Interest/Environmental Organizations
 1. Claire Lang-Ree & Tom Rutigliano, NRDC
 2. Mike Jacobs, Union of Concerned Scientists
 3. Nick Lawton, Earth Justice
 4. Patrick Cicero, Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP)
 - b. Announcement that Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP) had been approved as new member of the PIEOUG in the Public Interest/Environmental Organization by Chair Claire Lang-Ree
 - c. Review/vote to approve draft minutes from the March 16, 2025 meeting was not conducted because there was not a quorum of each membership type.
- II. Recap of proposed charter changes to provide further clarity around PIEOUG User Group voting procedures. (Poulos)
 - A brief recap was provided of additional changes offered for the PIEOUG charter changes.
 - A proposed schedule was provided for review, consideration, and approval of both the PIEOUG charter and the related Operating Agreement User Group language in section 8.7.
- III. Panel discussion: Barriers and Opportunities for Battery Storage in PJM. PJM lags behind other regions in battery storage deployment, even though storage provides important capacity value and flexibility in an increasingly decarbonized system. What

are the barriers to battery storage development in PJM, and what needs to happen to economically develop batteries in the PJM region?

Moderator: Claire Lang-Ree, Advocate, Natural Resources Defense Council

Panel:

- Walter Graf, Chief Economist, PJM
- Eric Miller, Executive Director of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's Office of Climate Action and the Green Economy
- Sergio Duenas Melendez, Storage Sector Manager, California Independent System Operator
- Don Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer, Convergent Energy and Power

The panelists provided their insights on the value of battery storage for the PJM region, the need for more battery participation in the region and the barriers for battery participation in PJM markets. A few questions from the audience were also taken.

- IV. Future Business/agenda topics/open discussion (Lipman/Lang-Ree)
 - a. Greg Poulos out the meeting and announced the next PIEOUG meeting would be Wednesday, April 14 10:30 – Noon at the PJM Annual Meeting.