

# Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

September 18, 2025

(Draft Meeting Minutes drafted by Greg Poulos, PIEOUG Secretary)

Approved July 30, 2026

## I. Administration (2:32 PM)

(Brian Lipman – Co-Chair, Consumer Advocate Co-Chair & Claire Lang-Ree – Public Interest/Environmental Organization Co-Chair)

a. Introductions by Brian Lipman and Claire Lang Ree

b. Roll Call (Poulos)

i. State Appointed Consumer Advocate Offices

1. Brian Lipman, New Jersey Division of the Rate Counsel
2. Clara Summers, Illinois Citizens Utility Board
3. Bill Fields, Phil Sussler, and Mark Byrd, Maryland Office of the People's Counsel
4. Jordan Nader, Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission
5. **Zach Teti**, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate

ii. Public Interest/Environmental

1. Claire Lang-Ree and Tom Rutigliano, Natural Resources Defense Council
2. Nick Wallace, Environmental Law & Policy Center
3. Nick Lawton, Earthjustice
4. Katie Siegner, RMI
5. Justin Vickers, Sierra Club
6. Nicholas Guidi, Southern Environmental Law Center
7. Mike Jacobs, Union of Concerned Scientists

\*\*\*Quorum met with five members of the consumer advocates and seven members of the public interest/environmental organizations present.

c. Review/vote to approve draft minutes from the March 20, 2025 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 Claire Lang-Ree)

**iii. The minutes were approved via an acclamation vote with no objections and no abstentions.**

d. Review/vote to approve draft minutes from the April 16, 2025 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 Clara Summers).
  - iii. The minutes were approved via an acclamation vote with no objections and no abstentions.**
- II. Brief PJM update: PJM's emergency operation procedures for 202c units
  - a. Mike Bryson, PJM Sr. Vice President provided a summary of the operational procedures and expectations for resources.
  - b. After the initial summary, PIEOUG members asked questions about the procedures and expectations.
- III. CAPS consulting presentation: Storm and Emergency Communications – Driving Customer-Centricity.
  - a. Dr. Henderson reviewed her evaluation of PJM’s emergency communications and public communications to evaluate whether the public facing PJM messaging is consumer centric. (Concerns related to PJM’s messaging became front and center for some consumers during Winter Storm Elliot (December, 2023)
  - b. After the presentation, PIEOUG members asked questions about the presentation.
- IV. Brief update on PJM wholesale cost for customers (Greg Poulos, Executive Director, Consumer Advocates of the PJM States “CAPS”)
  - a. Greg Poulos did a brief recap of a few slides depicting the PJM Independent Market Monitor’s wholesale cost information.
- V. Further refinement of proposed charter changes to provide further clarity around PIEOUG User Group voting procedures. (Poulos) - this item was only briefly mentioned.
- VI. Future Business/agenda topics and Adjournment (Lipman/Lang-Ree)
  - a. Adjournment at 4:32 PM (EST)