

# Overview of Reliability Backstop Workshops

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## Critical Issue Fast Path – Large Load Additions (CIFP-LLA)

**Jan. 16**

Letter from the PJM Board of Managers (Board) coming out of the CIFP-LLA directing actions for PJM and its stakeholders to engage in, including taking immediate action on a reliability backstop procurement

The issuance of a set of principles on Jan. 16 by the White House National Energy Dominance Council (NEDC) and the governors of all 13 PJM states also calling for PJM to execute a reliability backstop procurement by Sept. 2026

**Jan. 22**

MC discussion, at which PJM's interim CEO and Board chair teed up a discussion with the stakeholders on the reliability backstop procurement – seeking input regarding the timing and process for engaging stakeholders on this issue

Based on feedback during the Jan. 22 MC meeting, PJM's Interim CEO and Board chair articulated the vision for a more “organic” discussion about principles, unintended consequences and timing issues to be held over the next 4 to 6 weeks, at which point a decision on next steps would be needed.

Which brings us to this meeting to kick off that discussion and to lay out a plan through mid-March.

**Decided on Workshops as by definition they are to:**

- Provide a series of meetings to engage in education, foster dialogue and share ideas.
- Gather stakeholder feedback related to emerging topics and objectives as outlined in its initial communication and meeting.

## 1. Multiday workshops with in-person option

### 2. Blocks:

Table setting meeting – today	<b>Meetings to discuss particular elements</b> of a reliability backstop procurement to tease out options for addressing such elements and to discuss additional considerations. <i>PJM will outline the focus of each day ahead of time to ensure structure to the discussion.</i>		
Meeting(s) to gather proposal ideas that are in flight			
Meeting(s) to wrap up:	Any new proposals as a result of the discussion?	Reflect – Test ideas against the goals and principles, including any proposal ideas.	Discuss next steps.

## Today's focus is a table-setting meeting.

### Establishing guideposts

1. Discuss goals of a backstop and principles in developing a solution.
2. Identify any additional considerations we should ensure we are aware of.
3. Talk about timing – what it means to get something in place in the September 2026 time frame and relevant considerations.

We will revisit these guideposts along the way

- **Discussion goals, principles and the elements of a reliability backstop procurement**
- **Next steps**

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