Queue Process Challenges

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• Current studies performed
  – Feasibility Study
• Problems with current process
  – “Screen” criteria requires queue to be closed (6 month queue)
    • Evaluation of “screen” criteria requires load flow studies with all projects in queue modeled
• Solution
  – Remove alternate queue screening

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  – Allow projects to be evaluated for impacts once Point of Interconnection (POI) has been established
    • Identification of impacts could proceed with known POI if all previously queued projects in vicinity of project under study are also known
• Reinforcement costs <$5 million allocated to all projects in a queue which add load to the violation defining the need for the reinforcement

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  – Criteria requires queue to be closed (6 month queue)
$5 Million Cost Allocation

• Solution
  – Evaluate need for reinforcements with first request to cause the need for a reinforcement to be allocated 100% of the cost of the upgrade
  • Subsequent projects which contribute to the need for the reinforcement would have cost allocation based on MW impacts
• Removing <$5M cost allocation and Alternate Queue allows the potential to move studies forward more quickly if no violations are identified

• Removing these rules does not change the current process timelines
Current Status

- Language under review by PJM legal
- Plan presentation at April or May PC to bring Tariff and Manual changes
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