PJM Views on M-3 Process

PC Special Session – M-3 Lessons Learned
April 12, 2019
• Began first Needs Meetings in September 2018
• Continued Needs and Solutions through the fall of 2018
• Assumptions meetings held in December 2018
• Needs and Solutions Meetings continuing through spring 2019
Improvements Made Since Fall Of 2018

- Slide Templates
- Section introduction slides
- M-3 Process slide for reference
- Posting of tables to show status of individual needs presented by TO
- Language added to Manual 14B to expand process information
- Bubble diagrams
Additional Improvements Being Prepared

- Slide Templates – further defining slide elements
- Improve status tables for individual needs presented by TO
- PJM preparing additional language which may be used to help further understand PJM facilitation of process
  - Provide more information about steps of process to stakeholders, e.g. When is do no harm analysis conducted, when models will be available, etc.
Possible Issues To Explore

- Need to ensure meetings are attended by necessary stakeholders
- Meetings should focus on the requirements associated with the individual steps in the process – not moving ahead to the next step
- Need to look at how to provide information to stakeholders about other nearby projects during Needs and Solutions meetings
- Improve maps by incorporating lower voltage representation of facilities where available
Possible Issues To Explore

- PJM reviewing guidelines for when projects might need to be represented due to increases in costs (also may impact Network Upgrades and baseline upgrades)
- PJM reviewing possible staff additions due to increase in analytical, technical, and administrative workload
Possible Issues To Explore

- PJM and TOs to work to improve process for addressing comments with objective of reducing response times
- PJM to provide increased guidance to TOs regarding needs for do no harm studies