Transparency and End of Life Planning

Issue Source

Brought by American Municipal Power (AMP) and Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) based on recent stakeholder efforts regarding end of life transmission planning. Following the work and sunset of the Transmission Replacement Processes Senior Task Force, AMP and ODEC brought forward Manual 14B changes for consideration by the Markets and Reliability Committee. PJM declined to adopt the Manual 14B changes despite sector-weighted support from the Committee of 3.46. This effort will give the PJM stakeholders the opportunity to determine how these projects are addressed and advance the discussion to FERC for resolution.

Issue Content

This work is intended to develop specific Operating Agreement (OA) language to establish PJM criteria that will apply to all transmission projects that address end of life drivers on PJM Tariff transmission assets, address planning horizon requirements, and improve overall transparency, consistency, and clarity in the PJM planning process.

Key Work Activities and Scope

1. Education:
   a. Review relevant FERC Orders and provisions of the Consolidated Transmission Owners Agreement and the Operating Agreement that have not already been reviewed as part of the TRPSTF efforts. (See attached TRPSTF Education Topics Schedule and recorded education and presentations at: https://www.pjm.com/committees-and-groups/closed-groups/trpstf.aspx.)

2. Develop proposed OA language to:
   a. Establish requirements for RTEP end of life (EOL) planning criteria;
   b. Establish the process for incorporating EOL projects into the RTEP planning process;
   c. Improve transparency in the RTEP planning process such that stakeholders can confirm that EOL processes were followed;
   d. Specify the planning horizon requirements for end of life projects;
   e. Improve consistency by having PJM review, plan and ultimately approve as part of the RTEP approved by the PJM Board end of life projects; and,
   f. Clarify the PJM planning process in regards to end-of-life planning.

3. Develop governing document changes
   a. OA changes

4. Areas not to be addressed:
   a. Supplemental Projects for new customer load or increases to existing customer loads;
   b. Supplemental Projects to treat LSEs comparably to incumbent TO retail customers; or,
   c. Education on FERC cases (including Orders 679, 888, 889, 890, 1000, 2000, 2003, and ER15-1387), governing documents, the CTOA or other areas including asset management, the planning process, FERC Form 715, and cost allocation, to the extent that the issues were already covered in the TRPSTF and not further clarified by FERC Orders issued following the TRPSTF efforts (See attached TRPSTF Education Topics Schedule and recorded education and presentations at: https://www.pjm.com/committees-and-groups/closed-groups/trpstf.aspx.).
Expected Deliverables

1. OA changes

Decision-Making Method
Tier 1, consensus (unanimity) on a single proposal (preferred default option), or Tier 2, multiple alternatives.

Stakeholder Group Assignment
This work will be assigned to the Planning Committee.

Expected Duration of Work Timeline
Provide recommended OA language for approval at the December MRC and January MC. Any manual language needed to implement the OA changes can be part of a subsequent process after and assuming MRC/MC approval of OA language changes.

Charter
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☐ This document will serve as the Charter for a new group created by its approval.
☒ This work will be handled in an existing group with its own Charter (and applicable amendments).