

Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

October 11, 2023

Minutes (approved 3.8.2024)

I. Administration - Meeting commenced at 1:01 PM (EST)

Evelyn Robinson, PJM started the meeting by turning the discussion over to PIEOUG Co-Chair Casey Roberts – Environmental Organization Co-Chair. Ruth Price, Co-Chair Ruth Price – State appointed Consumer Advocate Co-Chair also provided a brief introduction.

a. Roll Call – Quorum

i. Consumer Advocate offices

1. Ruth Price, DE OPA
2. Clara Summers, IL CUB
3. Phil Sussler, MD OPC
4. Scott Jones, IN
5. Dan Shields, OCC

ii. Public Interest and Environmental Organizations

1. Casey Roberts, Sierra Club
2. Mike Jacobs, Union of Concerned Scientists
3. Claire Wayner, Rocky Mountain Institute
4. Nick Lawton, Earth Justice
5. Zach Greene, WRI,
6. Tom Rutigliano, National Resources Defense Council

b. Review/vote to approve draft minutes from December, 1, 2022 meeting

- i. Motion made to approve the December 1, 2022 draft minutes made by Ruth Price (second by Clara Summers)

**ii. The Motion was approved by acclamation vote with no objections and one abstention.**

Title/Theme:

Proactive planning suggestions to avoid costly out-of-market reactions to retirements

II. Brief update on transmission costs/planning in the region (Poulos)

- a. A brief presentation with slides was provided.

III. Planning to avoid costly out-of-market reactions to markets - transmission concerns (Phil Sussler, MD Office of People’s Counsel, Claire Wayner, RMI)

- a. Presentations with slides were provided and comments/questions by representatives were offered.

- IV. Planning to address barriers to new entry (Casey Roberts, Sierra Club)
  - a. A presentation with slides was provided and comments/questions by representatives were offered.
  
- V. Alternatives to costly reliability must run (RMR) agreements (Ric O'Connell, GridLab and Justin Vickers, Sierra Club)
  - a. Justin Vickers provided an introduction. Ric O'Connell provided a presentation with slides. Comments and questions by representatives were offered.
  
- VI. Future Business/agenda topics/open discussion (Roberts)
  - a. No future business or agenda topics were discussed.

The meeting ended at approximately 3 PM (EST).

\*minutes taken by Greg Poulos, CAPS