

Manual 34 Revisions - Forums

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- New forums, such as the Emerging Technology Forum established in June 2020, are being established.
- Manual 34: PJM Stakeholder Process does not currently define Forums as a type of stakeholder group.
- It is desired to define what a Forum is and add some parameters around establishment and implementation of Forums within the stakeholder process

- PJM seeks to define Forums as a stakeholder body within Manual 34 to provide:
 - consistency with other defined stakeholder group types and
 - clarity as to the purpose and role of a Forum in comparison to other stakeholder group types.
- Proposed revisions were sponsored by PJM and discussed within the standing Stakeholder Process Forum meetings.

1. Add the following definition for Forums to Manual 34, Section 2: Definitions using the following definition:

Forum – Stakeholder body formed to address specific topics and scope as outlined in its Markets and Reliability Committee approved Charter. Forums are non-decisional stakeholder groups as defined in Section 5.5 of this Manual.

2. Add Forums to Manual 34, Section 5: Structure of the Stakeholder Process under a new Section 5.5
3. Renumber the existing Section 5.5 to reflect 5.6

5.5 Forums

Forums may be established to provide a Stakeholder Group for discussion and information sharing related to specific topics as outlined within the scope of a defined Charter. They are groups that meet regularly for on-going discussions and do not have an expiration limit. Forums may provide periodic informational reporting to other Committees and Groups as appropriate. To the extent that a Forum discussion leads to the need for an Issue Charge, a stakeholder may bring such Issue Charge to a Standing Committee or Senior Standing Committee, as appropriate, for review and approval. Forums are non-voting Stakeholder Groups and shall not be utilized to replace or circumvent the standard stakeholder processes (e.g. CBIR). Forums may utilize facilitation tools as outlined in Manual 34, Appendix IV as their Charter permits. Charters for all new Forums must be approved by the Markets and Reliability Committee.

The Stakeholder Process Forum is specifically defined within Manual 34, Section 11.17 Consensus Based Issue Resolution Process (CBIR) Implementation Forum.

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