



Earlier Queue Submittal Task Force Final Proposal Report

January 2017

Issue Summary

[Problem Statement](#)

[Issue Charge](#)

Problem Statement brought forward by PJM Interconnection

Problem Statement/Issue Charge approved at June 11, 2015, Planning Committee

Number of Meetings covering this topic: 6 (9/17/2015, 10/29/2015, 11/23/2015, 1/19/2016, 2/26/2016, 3/24/2016)

1. Recommended Proposal

PJM put forth a problem statement in 2015 to explore methods to prompt interconnection customers to make requests earlier in the queue window. The data had been showing that late requests were often deficient, hindering the ability to process and hold scoping meetings contributing to delays in model building and Feasibility Study analyses. Through significant issue education and constructive stakeholder discussion, the Earlier Queue Submittal Task Force reached consensus on a proposal that is designed to:

- Alleviate delays in the interconnection process by encouraging Interconnection Customers to submit valid Interconnection Requests and facilitate starting Feasibility Studies in a timely manner.
- Ensure proper recovery of review and study costs from Interconnection Customers initiating such costs, instead of socializing costs to PJM customers.
- Clean up Tariff language to clarify current requirements, delete obsolete language, and fix erroneous language.

PJM reviewed proposed Tariff language with the EQSTF at its February 26, 2016 meeting and again at its March 24, 2016 meeting following stakeholder-prompted revisions. The final proposal was met without objection and the group reached the desired Tier 1 consensus as laid out in the EQSTF's Issue Charge.

The specific design components and their options are as follows:

- 1) Queue Priority – Queue priority will be based on submission of all required elements including site control for generation.
- 2) Deficiency Review – PJM performs deficiency review after all elements, except site control, are submitted.
- 3) Criteria for Inclusion in Feasibility Study - All applications within queue that cleared deficiencies within the Tariff deficiency clearing time are included in Feasibility Studies, except applications that have not cleared deficiencies by the close of the queue window will be terminated and withdrawn. Applications that timely cleared deficiencies will be included.
- 4) Timing (review, deficiency clear, scoping) – Timing remains the same. Codified PJM's review periods with Tariff language.



- 5) Fee Structure for application processing - Deposit submitted with application becomes available for charging for PJM application review. PJM notifies customer if study costs are expected to be higher than deposit, and within 10 days customer must pay difference or be withdrawn. Un-cleared applications reviews paid for by customer.
- 6) Fee Structure for study processing - Tiered based on application date and size. Non-refundable amount is 10% of overall fee for both large and small generation requests. Fee structures' amounts remain as status quo. Refundable portion is spent first. Remaining non-refundable study deposits refundable upon commercial operation.
- 7) Start date for changes - Complete all stakeholder activities, FERC Tariff change filings, and PJM Manual changes for November 1, 2016 implementation.
- 8) Feasibility Study start and end date - Study duration remains as three months. Five month transition queue November 1, 2016. Then queue windows commence April 1 and October 1. After transition, Feasibility Studies start November 1 and May 1. Improves small and large generation ability to participate in BRA from both annual queues.

2. Standing Committee Results

Tariff revisions were endorsed by the Planning Committee by acclamation, with no objections and no abstentions, at its meeting on May 12, 2016. On May 26, 2016, the PJM Markets and Reliability Committee endorsed the proposed revisions, with no abstentions and no objections; and on June 30, 2016, the PJM Members Committee also endorsed the proposed revisions as a consent agenda item, with no abstentions and no objections.

Tariff revisions were filed with FERC on August 31, 2016 and the submittal was conditionally accepted on the correction of typographical errors. Corrections were filed and on December 20, 2016 FERC approved all changes effective October 31, 2016.

Appendix I: Supplemental Documents

[Options & Packages Matrix](#)

[Docket No. ER16-2518-000](#)

[Letter Order 10-07-2016](#)

[Docket No. ER16-2518-001](#)

[Letter Order 12-20-2016](#)

Appendix II: Stakeholder Participation

<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Sector</u>
Chris Norton	American Municipal Power, Inc.	Electric Distributor
Takis Laios	Appalachian Power Company	Transmission Owner
David Scarpignato	Calpine Energy Services, L.P.	Generation Owner
Tom Hoatson	Carroll County Energy LLC	Other Supplier



Dan Gabel	Commonwealth Edison Company	Transmission Owner
Steven Mateja	Commonwealth Edison Company	Transmission Owner
Guy Filomena	Customized Energy Solutions, Ltd.*	Not Applicable
Carl Johnson	Customized Energy Solutions, Ltd.*	Not Applicable
Jonathan Sasser	Customized Energy Solutions, Ltd.*	Not Applicable
John Horstmann	Dayton Power & Light Company (The)	Transmission Owner
Iker Chocarro	E.on Climate & Renewables North America, Inc	Generation Owner
John Brodbeck	EDP Renewables North America, LLC	Other Supplier
Jennifer Walker	Exelon Business Services Company, LLC	Transmission Owner
Sharon Midgley	Exelon Generation Co., LLC	Generation Owner
Derek Hagaman	GT Power Group	Not Applicable
David Pratzon	GT Power Group	Not Applicable
Tom Shields	Iberdrola Renewables, LLC	Generation Owner
Kenneth Foadare	IMG Midstream LLC	Generation Owner
Alex Ma	Invenergy, LLC	Generation Owner
Robert O'Connell	Main Line Electricity Market Consultants	Not Applicable
Heather Thomson	Marec	Not Applicable
George Kogut	New York Power Authority	Other Supplier
Ken Hampton	PPL Electric Utilities Corp. dba PPL Utilities	Transmission Owner

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