

Background:

Original Driver / Issue to Address: The new Emerging Technologies Forum (ETF) was approved by the Markets and Reliability Committee (MRC) at its June 18, 2020 meeting. The new group was originally presented as an Emerging Technologies Advisory Committee but converted to a Forum in response to stakeholder feedback received at the MRC. Currently there are four Forum stakeholder groups including the ETF, Tech Change Forum, eDART Forum, and Stakeholder Process Forum.

Unlike other types of stakeholder bodies, such as Committees, Subcommittees, and Task Forces, Forums are a type of stakeholder body not currently defined in Manual 34.

Initial Sponsor: PJM

Subgroup Members: N/A; vetted through the standing Forum meetings

Seeks to Accomplish: PJM seeks to define Forums as a stakeholder body within Manual 34 to provide consistency with other stakeholder bodies being defined and to provide clarity as to purpose and role of a Forum in comparison to other stakeholder group types.

Proposed Changes:

Proposed Manual 34 Revisions for Forums

1. Add a definition for Forums to Manual 34, Section 2: Definitions

Forum – Stakeholder body voted by a majority vote of a Standing Committee or Senior Standing Committee to address specific topics and scope as outlined in its endorsed Issue Charge or Charter. Forums are non-voting Stakeholder Groups as defined in Section 5.5 of this Manual.

2. Add Forums to Manual 34, Section 5: Structure of the Stakeholder Process

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5.5 Forums

Forums may be established by a Standing Committee or Senior Standing Committee to provide a Stakeholder Group for discussion and information sharing related to specific topics as outlined within the scope of a defined Issue Charge or Charter. They are standing 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. Forums are non-voting Stakeholder Groups. but can

develop a consensus recommendation to introduce for consideration at a Standing Committee aligned with its technical content. Forums shall not be utilized to replace or circumvent the standard stakeholder processes (e.g. CBIR).

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

5.56 Stakeholder Group Structure Diagram

A current diagram of the Stakeholder Group structure is available at the following link: <http://www.pjm.com/committees-and-groups/committees/~media/committees-groups/committeestructure-diagram.ashx>.