

Critical Issue Fast Path (CIFP) Process Lessons Learned

Stakeholder Process Forum

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- Pre-CIFP Sessions and Poll
- CIFP Stages
 - Timing/ Frequency
- Stage 4
 - Structure
 - Presentation Material (restriction to Matrix only)
 - Attendance and registration
 - Media Participation
- MC Structure
- Manual 34 Language Clarification
- Others?

- Pre-CIFP (two meetings)
 - Educational sessions were held prior to the official kick-off of the CIFP
 - History of the MOPR
 - Discussed Design Components and the draft Problem Statement and Issue Charge
 - A poll was issued to gather initial stakeholder feedback
- Stage 1 (one meeting)
 - PJM presented the Problem Statement and Issue Charge as well as a pre-populated matrix that included PJM's preferred option and all options PJM considered.

- Should Pre-CIFP educational sessions be used as time permits/is needed?
- Should the concept of Pre-CIFP meetings be memorialized in the manual?
- Should M34 language surrounding Stage 1 allow for additional Stage 1 educational meetings?
- Anything you would suggest to improve these sessions?
- Others?

- Stage 2 (three meetings)
 - Stakeholders had the opportunity to contribute options to the matrix
 - PJM had the opportunity to adjust their preferred options.
- Stage 3 (two meetings)
 - Stakeholder had the opportunity to contribute and present packages
 - PJM has the opportunity to finalize and present their package

- Did you find the timing and frequency of the Stage 2 and 3 meetings too slow, too fast, too long, too short?
- Anything you would suggest to improve these sessions?
- Others?

- Final Meeting with the Board (one meeting - morning)
 - Package sponsors presented their proposals to the Board
 - Other stakeholders signed up for speaking timeslots to express their views on the packages to the Board
- Special MC (one meeting - afternoon)
 - Convened immediately following the Final Meeting
 - Stakeholders voted on packages
 - Sector-weighted vote on all packages, concurrently.

- Open only to Members, IMM, States, PJM and invited non-Members. The participation of non-Members at the discretion of the MC Chair in consultation with the Vice Chair and MC Secretary.
- Specifically time limited to 4 hours.
 - Strict time limited presentations enforced for all speakers.
- Allows for only matrix to be displayed, specifically prohibits slide presentations
- In person only meeting participation (no phone or video).
 - Requested a waiver of the in-person requirement
- Media rules are the same as for the Liaison Committee (no media).

- How do you believe the Final Meeting should be structured?
 - Should all package sponsors be given the opportunity to present at this meeting?
 - Should the M34 language be updated to allow for additional meeting material?
 - Whitepapers, briefing documents, slides or presentations?
 - Should the 4 hour time limit remain or be adjusted?
 - Any suggestion on the registration/attendance process?
 - Any suggestion on the speaker request process?
 - Others?

- How do you believe the Members Committee meeting should be structured?
 - Should the package sponsors or other speakers be allowed to present?
 - Should there be an opportunity for member to member debate?
 - Should this meeting be convened to vote only (no presentation for the sponsors or member to member debate)?
 - Should flexibility for the structure be built in by allowing for a vote to choose which path for future CIFPs?
 - Others?

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Appendix

- **Critical Issue Fast Path (CIFP)**
 - Alternative stakeholder process to be used for contentious issues that would be difficult to resolve with the normal CBIR process
 - Documented in Manual 34 Section 8.6.4
 - Initiated by the Board
 - Members may also vote to request that the Board initiate the CIFP process for new or in-progress issues
 - In this case, the Board issued a letter on April 6, 2021 directing the use of the CIFP for the MOPR issue
 - First time the process was used

Process – M34, section 8.6.4

Stage 1 – Similar to the normal CBIR process. PJM will provide stakeholder education and its initial solution package and alternatives considered, including its option alternatives to stakeholders

Stage 2 – Stakeholders may discuss any previously considered and/or new alternatives, with row-by-row reviews of the CIFP matrix.

Stage 3 – Based on the row-by-row discussions, PJM will finalize its package, and stakeholders will create alternative packages as appropriate.

Stage 4 – “Final Meeting”: For the benefit of all meeting attendees, PJM will review its package proposal in the solution Matrix on a row-by-row basis to show how its solution addresses the PS/IC. At the conclusion of the PJM presentation, Members and invited non-Member stakeholders, whether individually or in self-selected coalitions, will provide feedback to the Board on the impacts, positive or negative on the option details contained within the solution Matrix.

Work Plan

Pre-CIFP		Posting
Discussions	April 7 (2:30-4:30) April 9 (9:00-12:00)	April 2 April 6
Poll	April 9-16	
Discussions (continued)	April 20 (8:00-11:00)	April 15
Formal Process		Posting
Stage 1: PJM PS/IC & proposal	April 28 (9:00-4:00)	April 23
Stage 2: PJM and stakeholder development of the matrix (options)	May 10 (9:00-4:00) May 17 (9:00-4:00) May 26 (1:00-5:00)	May 5 May 12 May 21
Stage 3: PJM and stakeholders finalize proposals	June 7 (9:00-4:00) June 16 (9:00-4:00)	June 2 June 11
Stage 4: Final meeting MC Meeting (MC vote)	June 30 (9:00-1:00) June 30 (2:00-5:00)	June 23 June 23
Board review		
Feedback to members		
Filing	July	

Enhanced Liaison Committee	Critical Issue Fast Path
Members form self-selected coalitions that must include at least three voting members	No coalition structure, allows for participation of non-Member stakeholders
Uses whitepapers and briefing documents	Uses elements of CBIR (matrix, options, packages)
Board decision based on the briefing documents and coalition presentations	Board decision based on matrix package presentations, stakeholder feedback and an informatory MC vote
Defined condensed timelines	Condensed timelines, but allows for flexibility