



PJM Interconnection's stakeholder process is designed to examine issues and review and make decisions about proposed changes to PJM's governing documents, processes and market design and reliability operations. The collaborative approach of the stakeholder process promotes a broad understanding of issues, efficient and effective problem solving and the building of consensus.

PJM's stakeholder process employs committees, subcommittees, user groups and task forces to conduct business. They are integral to developing and refining PJM's rules, policies and processes. These groups provide a forum for members to share their positions and collaborate to resolve difficult issues.

These groups also serve an educational function for PJM's stakeholders and enhance communication among the members and with PJM management and the PJM Board.

PJM's two senior committees are the Members Committee and the Markets and Reliability Committee. Reporting to the MRC are three standing committees – the Market Implementation Committee, the Operating Committee and the Planning Committee – that are focused on their respective areas.

The Members Committee reviews and decides on all major changes and initiatives proposed by committees and task forces. The committee provides advice and recommendations to PJM on issues relating to the safe and reliable operation of the PJM grid; the creation and operation of a robust, competitive and non-discriminatory electric power market; and ensuring there is no undue influence over PJM's operations by any member or group of members.

The Markets and Reliability Committee ensures the continuing viability and fairness of the PJM markets, as well as the reliable operation and planning of the PJM grid. Reporting to the Members Committee, the MRC works with PJM management and other committees and reviews proposed changes to the rules and procedures contained in the PJM Operating Agreement and the PJM Manuals.

In the stakeholder process, subcommittees focus on a specific PJM issue and report to their parent standing committee and the senior committees. They have a charter with a defined scope and work on that area on an ongoing basis. Task forces are life-limited groups that focus on a single, specific task or activity and usually close after an issue has been addressed. User groups can be formed by any five or more members who share a common interest. User group meetings are open to all PJM members.

The stakeholder process is defined in various sections of the PJM Operating Agreement and is outlined in detail in PJM Manual 34, which includes information on issue identification, consensus-based issue resolution, rules of procedure and voting protocols.

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