

# Motion to Approve Transparency Forum Charter

Members Committee

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# TRANSPARENCY FORUM CHARTER

## **Mission**

RTO transparency and independence are of paramount importance to PJM Members and the entities that rely upon PJM. This Forum is established to encourage an open and successful partnership between Members and PJM that is expected from a Member driven organization. To promote and improve these important characteristics the Transparency Forum will provide a centralized, open forum for review, discussion, and education. This forum will allow stakeholders to identify issues and concerns that should be explored to ensure the highest levels of transparency in PJM's operations, planning, markets, and governance and stakeholder processes.

## **Responsibilities**

- 1) Opportunity to raise concerns, suggest improvements in implementation, communication, and potential modifications to improve transparency.
- 2) Identify potential changes in PJM practices that could promote and increase transparency.
- 3) Identify potential benefits and obstacles for implementing the changes identified. Investigate and make recommendations to address obstacles to transparency and impacts of those changes.

## **Administrative Details**

- 1) The Transparency Forum shall report updates and recommendations to the Members Committee. The group will provide periodically reports on its activities to the Members Committee.
- 2) The Transparency Forum will be a non-voting forum. The forum may conduct non-binding polls where appropriate in developing recommendations to be addressed.
- 3) The Transparency Forum membership and participation are open to all stakeholders and PJM.
- 4) The Transparency Forum will be convened by the Members Committee Chair – or his designee -- with assistance as needed from the Members Committee Vice-Chair and a representative from the Office of the Interconnection acting as Secretary.

# Why Create a Transparency Forum?

- The PJM Stakeholder Process Forum has provided Members with an excellent opportunity – a release valve – to address concerns and suggest improvements to the stakeholder process.
- The Transparency Process Forum would provide Members with a similar opportunity to address matters outside of the scope of the stakeholder process forum yet equally important.
- The Transparency Process Forum will create a venue to have open discussions on matters that should be important to the PJM community (and currently take place in the back-of-the-room)

# Examples of Discussion Items

- What level of transparency should be expected from PJM, CAPS, and others?
- Does PJM have a compliance “hotline” and what should be expected.
- Establishing a formal way to request information/data from PJM and keep track of responses.
- A discussion around guidelines and (reasonable) expectations to allow stakeholders to provide input to PJM prior to PJM filing items at FERC or in state commissions.

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