Confidentiality for Mitigation and Avoidance of Critical Assets

- Mitigation of future issue on system which is identified under CIP-014 standard

- CIP-014 standard requires that no information be made publicly available regarding analysis and identification of facilities criticality

- Release of information in a competitive process is not compatible with CIP-014 confidentiality requirements

- Failure to follow CIP-014 confidentiality requirements results in compliance violations to the Registered Entity.

- Identification of possible sensitive areas of the system not under the CIP-014 standard

- Identification made possible by PJM screening using Cascading Trees software

- PJM exploring appropriate level of confidentiality

- PJM would continue to administer the competitive proposal windows and be in receipt of proposals without any changes to the existing process

- Following the receipt of proposals PJM would conduct an analysis of performance and initial costs to determine which projects PJM would continue to investigate

- PJM would perform analysis of proposals which pass initial cost and performance evaluations using the Cascading Trees software in order to determine if any sensitive areas of the system are identified as a result of the proposal(s)

- Proposals which do not have impacts identified through the Cascading Trees software continue through the remainder of any required evaluations and comparisons

- Proposals which have impacts identified using the Cascading Trees software would be communicated in accordance with a process that reflects the required level of confidentiality (currently under development).