

PJM Stakeholder Process Forum

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Standing Committee and Senior Task Force Voting Protocol – Status Quo

Good afternoon David. At last month's stakeholder process forum, I raised a process issue about asking members if they preferred proposals against the status quo. The current practice is to vote at the standing committee, then hold a second vote to determine if the highest vote getter greater than simple majority is preferred over "doing nothing", the status quo. We do it when polling at the sub-committee and task force level as well. My understanding is that we take this non-binding vote to give the ultimate approving committee a gauge of the level of support for the recommended solution package.

Often we end up with several packages achieving a simple majority at the lower committee and advancing upward for a vote. In instances when the "top vote getter" fails to achieve the required super majority as has happened quite a bit recently, votes are conducted on the next package in line without the benefit of knowing if members prefer those packages to the status quo.

My suggested change would be to vote all packages at the lower committee, followed by a non-binding vote (as we have today) of all package gaining more than 50% support to determine if they are preferred to the status quo so that voters at the standing committees and senior standing committees can consider this information when casting votes at those committees. I would also suggest that we should adopt this practice at the sub-committee and task force level when polling on packages whenever appropriate.

I plan to be on the stakeholder process forum call tomorrow and can discuss unless this short notice makes that impractical.

Regards and call with any questions,



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