

# Transparency Around Proprietary Models and Data Used by PJM

## Issue Source

James Wilson, consultant to the consumer advocates of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia and Delaware, has proposed this issue for stakeholder consideration.

## Issue Content

The purpose of this Problem/Opportunity Statement and associated Issue Charge is to explore ways to provide greater transparency and stakeholder access to PJM's models, data, and analysis where vendor license agreements may appear to provide a barrier.

## Key Work Activities and Scope

1. Collect from stakeholders a list of PJM models, data, and analysis to which stakeholders would like better access and where vendor license agreements have been a barrier to that access.
2. Education, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Working from the list collected under KWA #1:
    - i. Provide relevant sections of the vendor license agreements that restrict access to the model or data.
    - ii. Invite representatives of the vendors to meetings to discuss these restrictions and possible approaches to providing limited or restricted access to the models, data or analysis based on them.
  - b. Research how other RTOs handle this issue.
3. Explore ways to provide greater transparency and stakeholder access to PJM's models, data, and analysis where vendor license agreements may appear to provide a barrier.
  - a. Consider developing a process to be followed when a stakeholder requests access to PJM data or models and vendor license issues are raised.
  - b. Explore possible changes to the particular models and data PJM uses, or to the manner in which PJM obtains them, that could better accommodate stakeholder requests for access to PJM data and models.
  - c. Explore other possible changes to better accommodate stakeholder requests for access to PJM data, models and analysis.

## Expected Deliverables

1. Possible changes to Manual 34 pursuant to Key Work Activity #3a.
2. Possible proposals for PJM's consideration pursuant to Key Work Activity #3.

**Decision-Making Method**

It is not clear that any formal decision-making or voting will be needed. The possible changes listed above would be considered and decided by PJM internally. Polling might be appropriate to gauge the level of support for any proposed changes.

**Stakeholder Group Assignment**

Stakeholder Process Forum.

**Expected Duration of Work Timeline**

This is not an urgent issue and it can be addressed through monthly meetings over the course of perhaps one year.

**Out of Scope Topics**

PJM’s handling of confidential data. While there are some similarities to the issue around proprietary data and models addressed by this Issue Charge, the handling of confidential data is a different issue.

**Charter**

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