

# Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

January 5, 2021 Meeting (10 – 11 AM EST)

Draft Minutes (Greg Poulos)

- I. Administration 10:02 AM
  - a. Evelyn Robinson (PJM) called the meeting to order. Evelyn also reviewed the PJM Antitrust, Code of Conduct, and media participation guidelines.
  - b. Greg Poulos, Secretary (CAPS), Tom Rutigliano, Chair -Public Interest and Environmental Organizations (Natural Resources Defense Council), Bill Fields, Chair – Consumer Advocates, (Maryland Office of the People’s Counsel) all said a few introductory remarks.
  - c. Roll Call of PIEOUG members
    - i. Consumer Advocates (conducted by Poulos)
      1. Delaware Division of the Public Advocate (Ruth Ann Price)
      2. DC Office of the People’s Counsel (Erik Heinle)
      3. IL Attorney General’s Office (Grant Snyder)
      4. Indiana Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor (Art Iler and Mike Gahimer)
      5. Maryland Office of the People’s Counsel (Bill Fields)
      6. MI Department of the Attorney General (Mike Moody)
      7. NC Public Staff (Chris Ayers and Lucy Edmondson)
      8. Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel (Dan Shields)
      9. WV Consumer Advocate Division (Jackie Roberts)
    - ii. Public Interest and Environmental Groups (conducted by Rutigliano)
      1. Natural Resources Defense Council – Tom Rutigliano
      2. Earth Justice – Danielle Fidler
    - iii. \*other PJM stakeholders, PJM staff, press, and members of the general public were present but attendance was not taken.
- II. Charter read and potential vote

- a. Review of the draft charter that was posted – including highlighting aspects of the draft charter (Greg Poulos)
  - b. Motion to approve the draft charter by DC Office of the People’s Counsel, Erik Heinle (seconded by Tom Rutigliano of NRDC)
  - c. A brief discussion was held around qualifications to vote.
  - d. Consumer Advocate Chair, Bill Fields asked for any objections to a vote and for any questions about eligibility to vote. After receiving no objections a roll-call vote was held.
  - e. The charter passed with 11 yes votes and 1 voter abstaining
- III. Other topics presented by the group
- a. Greg Poulos (CAPS) presented a very brief discussion on the importance of transparency at PJM for the consumer advocates as we head into 2021.
- IV. Future Business/agenda topics
- a. Evelyn Robinson (PJM) raised the question about future meetings. Discussion was held on the matter. It is expected that the next meeting will be held in the March timeframe.
- V. Adjourned (approximately 10:38 AM)