

Manual 34 Revisions – Workshops

Original Driver: Manual 34: PJM Stakeholder Process does not currently define Workshops as a type of stakeholder group. It is desired to define what a Workshop is and add some parameters around establishment and implementation of Workshops within the stakeholder process.

Sponsor: John Horstmann

Issue to Address: Define Workshops as a stakeholder body within Manual 34 to provide consistency with other defined stakeholder group types and clarity as to the purpose and role of a Workshop in comparison to other stakeholder group types.

Proposed Revisions:

1. Add the following definition for Workshops to Manual 34, Section 2: Definitions:

Workshop – A series of meetings occasionally convened by PJM to discuss emerging topics and objectives as outlined in its initial communication and meeting. Workshops are non-decisional meetings and will not develop rule changes. Rather, they are formed to engage in education, foster dialog, share ideas and gather stakeholder feedback.

2. Add Workshops to Manual 34, Section 5: Structure of the Stakeholder Process under a new Section 5.6.

5.6 Workshops

Workshops may be established by PJM to provide a series of meetings to engage in education, foster dialog, share ideas and gather stakeholder feedback related to emerging topics and objectives as outlined in its initial communication and meeting. Workshops are non-decisional meetings and will not develop rule changes. They may provide periodic informational reporting to other Committees and Groups as appropriate. To the extent that a Workshop discussion leads to the need for an Issue Charge, a stakeholder may bring such Issue Charge to a Standing Committee or Senior Standing Committee, as appropriate, for review and approval. Workshops are non-voting and shall not be utilized to replace or circumvent the stakeholder processes or rules as defined in Manual 34 (e.g. CBIR). Workshops may utilize polling tools as a means to gather stakeholder feedback.

3. Renumber the existing Section 5.6 to reflect 5.7