

Critical Gas Infrastructure – Demand Response Participation

Based on the outcome of the joint FERC/NERC report on the impact of the severe cold weather event that occurred between February 8 and 20, 2021 on the grid in Texas and South Central United States, PJM is responding to its recommendations regarding certain Demand Response participation. The report states in part at *Key Recommendation 1h* “To require Balancing Authorities’ operating plans (for contingency reserves and to mitigate capacity and energy emergencies) to prohibit use for demand response of critical natural gas infrastructure loads.”

Issue Source

PJM

Stakeholder Group Assignment

PJM recommends this work be assigned to the Demand Response Subcommittee (DRS) and approved by the MIC. The DRS is focused on demand response related items.

Key Work Activities

- 1) Define critical gas infrastructure loads and PJM market participation rules in compliance with FERC/NERC recommendations. Develop a transition mechanism if new participation rules impact member’s capacity commitment. Review current PJM governing documents and manuals for participation requirements and add appropriate prohibition language.
- 2) Ensure compliance with FERC/NERC recommendation.
- 3) Update governing documents and manuals as needed.

Expected Deliverables

- 1) OA, OATT, RAA revisions
- 2) Manual revisions (11, 18 and other(s) as necessary)

Expected Overall Duration of Work

Expect work will take 12 months.

- August, MIC first read; September, MIC endorsement
- September, MRC first read; October, MRC endorsement
- October, MC first read; December, MC approval
- File tariff changes (as needed) at FERC by January 2023



Decision-Making Method

Tier 1, consensus (unanimity) on a single proposal – if feasible.