

# Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)

December 1, 2022

Minutes (approved 10.11.2023)

2 – 3:30 PM (EST)

(Minutes recorded by Greg Poulos, CAPS)

## I. Administration

Call to order: 2:03 PM (EST) by Greg Poulos

(Ruth Price – Public Interest Co-Chair, Casey Roberts – Environmental Organization Co-Chair)

- a. Welcome message by the co-chairs
  - i. Ruth Price – Consumer Advocate co-chair
  - ii. Casey Roberts – Environmental & Public Interest co-chair
- b. Roll Call (Poulos) - \*Quorum of 5 from each side was met
  - i. Consumer Advocate offices
    - 1. Ruth Price, Delaware Division of the Public Advocate
    - 2. Albert Pollard – Illinois Citizen Utility Board
    - 3. Jordan Nader – North Carolina Public Staff
    - 4. JP Urban and Mason Rush, Tennessee Attorney General Office – Consumer Advocate Division
    - 5. Phil Sussler – Maryland Office of People’s Counsel
    - 6. Michael Moody – Michigan Department of the Attorney General
  - ii. Public Interest/Environmental Organizations
    - 1. Casey Roberts – Sierra Club
    - 2. Robert Altenburg - PennFuture
    - 3. Cullen Howe & Tom Rutigliano – Natural Resources Defense Council
    - 4. Nick Lawton – Earth Justice
    - 5. Ted Kelly, Environmental Defense Fund
    - 6. Mike Jacobs, Union of Concerned Scientists
    - 7. Zach Greene, World Resources Institute
    - 8. \*Established during the meeting – Grant Glazer, Rocky Mountain Institute
- c. Review of registration procedures
- d. Review/vote to approve draft meeting minutes from March 15, 2021
  - i. **Approved - After opportunity for discussion the minutes were passed via an acclamation vote with no objections and no abstentions**

- e. Review/vote to approve September 30, 2021 meeting minutes
  - i. **Approved - After opportunity for discussion the minutes were passed via an acclamation vote with no objections and no abstentions**
- f. Introduction of new active members
  - i. Rocky Mountain Institute requested to join the public interest/environmental member type of the user group
    - 1. Casey Roberts (chair of the environmental & Public Interest organizations) - approved the request
    - 2. There were no objections to the approval
    - 3. Rocky Mountain Institute becomes a PIEOUG eligible member.
- g. Selection of co-chairs for 2023
  - i. It was announced that Ruth Price will be the co-chair of the consumer advocate member type for 2023. (The Consumer Advocate offices rely upon the CAPS president to fill this position unless they have a separate vote.)
  - ii. After discussion during the meeting, Casey Roberts agreed to maintain the position for another year.

\*Sections II – VI were led by Casey Roberts (Environmental/Public Interest co-chair)

- II. Discussion of benefits of interregional transmission; presentation by Andrew Bachert of GE Energy Consulting, *Economic, Reliability, and Resiliency Benefits of Interregional Transmission Capacity*
  - A presentation was provided and Q & A followed.
- III. Discussion of incorporating local adjustments to Net CONE for purposes of the Variable Resource Requirement Curve
  - A presentation was provided Casey Roberts and Q&A followed.
- IV. Discussion of impacts from capacity accreditation changes under discussion on reserve requirement and need for analysis of impacts to consumers.
  - A review was provided by Casey Roberts and Q & A followed.
- V. Discussion of reserve penalty factor circuit breaker proposals before the Markets & Reliability Committee
  - A review of the current stakeholder process addressing a possible circuit breaker in the PJM region was provided by Greg Poulos (CAPS) along with a short Q & A.
- VI. Conclusion of the meeting – 3:32 PM (EST)