

Public Interest and Environmental Organizations User Group (PIEOUG)
March 15, 2021
3 – 4 PM (EST)
Draft Minutes

(Minutes taken by Greg Poulos)

- I. Administration (Tom Rutigliano – Public Interest/Environmental Chair)
 - a. Meeting commenced at 3:03 PM (EST)
 - b. Roll Call (Tom Rutigliano, Greg Poulos, and Evelyn Robinson)
 - i. Consumer Advocates Organizations (Quorum met)
 1. Bill Fields, Maryland Office of People’s Counsel
 2. Erik Heinle, DC Office of the People’s Counsel
 3. Sarah Smucker, DC Office of the People’s Counsel
 4. Brian Lipman, New Jersey Division of the Rate Counsel
 5. Mike Gahimer, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
 6. Art Iler, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
 7. Michael Moody Michigan Department of Attorney General
 8. Lucy Edmondson, North Carolina Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission
 - ii. Public Interest/Environmental organizations (Quorum met)
 1. Tom Rutigliano, Natural Resources Defense Counsel
 2. Casey Roberts, Sierra Club
 3. Mike Jacobs, Union of Concerned Scientists
 4. Tyson Slocum, Public Citizen
 5. Devin McDougall, Earthjustice
 6. Christie Hicks, Environmental Defense Fund (via proxy)
 7. Jeffrey Hammons, Environmental Law & Policy Center (via proxy)
 - iii. PJM
 1. Evelyn Robinson, Managing Partner – State Government Affairs
 2. Chris O’Hara, Sr. VP, General Counsel
 - c. Review of registration procedures (Tom Rutigliano)
 - d. Review of draft minutes from January meeting (Tom Rutigliano)
 - i. A review was completed – no comments or objections.
- II. Vote on Chairpersons for the remainder of 2021 (Tom Rutigliano)
 - a. Per the Charter, Tom Rutigliano and Bill Fields (Consumer Advocate Chair) would be the chairpersons until the charter was approved. The PIEOUG will call for nominations and vote for the chairpersons for the remainder of 2021.
 - b. Consumer Advocate Chair position
 - i. Nominations were requested:

1. Bill Fields was nominated to be the Consumer Advocate chairman for the remainder of 2021 by Erik Heinle (second by Michael Moody).
 2. A request for other nominations and discussion was made.
 - ii. The nomination of Bill Fields as the Consumer Advocate chairman was approved by acclimation vote.**
 - c. Public Interest/Environmental Chair person
 - i. Nominations were requested:
 1. Casey Roberts was nominated to be the Environmental/Public Interest Organization chair for the remainder of 2021 by Mike Jacobs (second by Devin McDougall).
 2. A request for other nominations and discussion was made.
 - ii. The nomination of Casey Roberts as the Environmental/Public Interest Organization chair for the remainder of 2021 was approved by acclimation vote.**
- III. Other topics presented by the group
- a. Discussion on PJM Load Forecasting
 - i. Greg Poulos provided a brief recap of the Consumer Advocate consulting efforts on this matter.
 - ii. A discussion on the topic ensued.
 - b. Update on the PJM/Transmission Owner Common Interest Agreements
 - i. Greg Poulos provided a brief recap of the issue and the current status.
 - ii. A discussion on the topic ensued.
- IV. Future Business/agenda topics (Tom Rutigliano)
- a. Future meetings and the timing of meetings
 - i. A brief discussion was held and a commitment to revisit the issue.
- V. Adjournment - 4:05 PM