



To: PJM MRC and MC Committee Members
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This memorandum will provide a brief update on the activities of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC) since the last MRC and MC meetings. A number of PJM members serve on the Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC) of the EIPC (along with the states in the PJM region) and also are available as a resource concerning activities of the individual sectors.

The various work groups of the EIPC have been extremely active in providing key input into the “baseline infrastructure” to be used for future modeling as well as the future resource scenarios to be studied through the EIPC process. In addition, the EIPC Planning Authorities have issued their second iteration of their report detailing the “roll-up” of the existing regional plans. The stakeholder activity will culminate in a phone call/webinar of the SSC on January 18 at which the SSC will be asked to provide its approval of the proposed baseline infrastructure to be utilized in the EIPC process as well as some of the initial scenarios to be modeled.

The choice of the appropriate “baseline infrastructure” has been the subject of considerable debate within the EIPC. The Planning Authorities, including PJM, continue to argue for use of the existing roll-up of the regional plans. The states, acting through the Eastern Interconnection State Planning Council, undertook a detailed process to vote on which generation and transmission projects may not be “reasonably certain” of being constructed and therefore, in the view of the states, should be excluded from the baseline. Of the various PJM projects, the PATH and MAPP lines were voted on by the individual states and may be the subject of discussion at the upcoming SSC webinar/phone meeting.

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