

# PMU Placement Plan in the Transmission Planning Process

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- Application R&D over the past 8+ years have identified several key applications for PJM:
  - Linear State Estimator
  - Oscillation Detection
  - Dynamic Model Validation
  - Building backup EMS monitoring: Redundant IROL Monitoring
- DOE grant-funded PMUs are aging and seeing retirements
- Open issue of TO / ISO CIP classification of PMU equipment



# Policy for PMU Placement

- To maintain a structured growth-cycle of Synchrophasor devices and keep deployment costs as low as possible, we need a prospective placement requirement.
- Generator interconnection requirement has been very successful.
- To balance PMU observability between generators and the transmission system, and ensure a minimum coverage across the PJM footprint, a transmission-level PMU requirement would be valuable.
- Provide new guidance on PJM's anticipated decision-making posture in the future.



- PJM is a stakeholder driven organization with committee governance.
- The PJM Synchrophasor team provides annual project updates to the Operating Committee.

#### March OC / PC

PJM provides Synchrophasor Informational Update.

OC asks PC to investigate adding PMU placement into the RTEP Process.

## May 26 PC

PC Special Session -Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) Education.

## July 9 OC

OC First Read of PC's recommended M01 language.

## August 20 & September 17

MRC First Read, Second Read, and Endorsement















#### May 12 PC

PJM provides: Issue Charge, Problem Statement, Solution Proposal First Read under the M34 Quick Fix Process.

## June 2 & July 7 PC

Issue Charge, Problem Statement, Solution Proposal provided as Second Read and endorsed by the PC.

#### **August 6 OC**

OC Second Read. M01 language endorsed by the OC.





Vision: Full Synchrophasor observability of all EHV equipment 100 kV and above

## Benefits:

- Ability to detect high-speed grid disturbances (oscillations, equipment failures)
- Expanded Linear State Estimation
- Assist PJM in meeting its NERC reliability obligations:
  - BAL-003-1.1
  - IRO-008-2
  - TOP-001-4
  - MOD-032-1/033-1

## Risk of unobservable grid events:

 Widespread installation of Synchrophasors was a recommendation following the 2003 blackout, which lasted 4 days, affected 50 Million people, with an estimated cost of \$6 billion.

Identified benefits and enhanced observability outweigh incremental costs.



# Endorsed PMU Placement Language



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- Voltages for busses at 100 kV and above
- Line-terminal voltages and currents (both ends) for transmission lines at 100 kV and above
- High-side/low-side voltage and current values for transformers with a rated low side voltage of 100 kV or greater
- Dynamic reactive device power output (SVCs, STATCOMs, Synchronous condensers, etc.)

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## Lessons Learned

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- Stating the obvious: plurality of stakeholder views and interests. Varying levels of familiarity and buy-in.
- Answering the hard questions:
  - "What are the monetary benefits of installing PMUs?"
    - Emerging grid technologies generally focus on either **reliability** or reducing congestion.
    - Detecting dynamic grid events are difficult enough. What's the probability of a dynamic event occurring?
    - What are the potential costs of an unmitigated dynamic grid event?
    - How could this issue evolve as distributed and inverter-based resources grow in the future?
  - "What's the minimum coverage of PMUs needed for oscillation detection?"
    - In some cases, comparing PMUs to RTUs is easy. In others, we need to find an in between solution.
  - "How do you install a PMU to guarantee good data quality?"
- Cutting to the chase: PMU observability impact on reliability (NERC compliance)

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