

FERC Denies PJM IMM Large Loads Complaint—The Commission unanimously issued an order denying the PJM Independent Market Monitor's (IMM) large loads complaint against PJM (EL26-30). FERC found that the IMM failed to meet its burden under FPA section 206 to demonstrate that PJM's tariff is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or that PJM is violating its tariff or a statutory or regulatory requirement.

Specifically, the IMM requested that the Commission rule that (1) PJM has the authority to add large new data center loads only when they can be served reliably as defined both by transmission and capacity adequacy - and directing PJM to file tariff language stating this explicitly; and (2) PJM's failure to clarify and enforce its existing rules and to protect reliable and affordable service in PJM is unjust and unreasonable.

Of note, the order emphasized (P39): "The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require that an FPA section 206 complaint adhere to certain basic requirements not satisfied here. Our rejection of a procedurally inadequate complaint is unrelated to the gravity of the issues the deficient complaint raises. Though we find that the IMM failed to meet its burden under FPA section 206, we acknowledge that the IMM and commenters raise very important issues regarding the challenges posed by large load additions." The order then discusses the various PJM reform proceedings and stakeholder processes underway to address the large load challenges.