

# **PJM and MMU Start and Notification Time Problem Statement**

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# Start and Notification Time Issue

- **PJM generation asset owners have approached PJM staff about extending notification and/or startup times for their capacity units**
- **Based on RTEP changes, unit retirements, and number of requests, extended notification and start times have the potential to create a reliability issue**

# Start and Notification Time Issue

- **Unit start time and notification time parameters are not currently limited by any market rules**
- **Current rules allow lengthy start and notification time parameters to be entered by market participants, which:**
  - **Make scheduling more difficult for dispatchers and operations**
  - **Make units unavailable for lengthy periods**
  - **Confuse the distinction between an outage and reserve shutdown status**
  - **Permit the exercise of market power**

# Process Issues

- **To determine the best process for addressing the reliability and the market issues associated with the start time and notification time parameters**
- **To define rules that define start time and notification time parameters**
- **The Operating Committee has responsibility for the reliability issues**
- **The MIC has responsibility for the market issues**
- **The reliability concerns of PJM and the Operating Committee must set the minimum standards**
- **The markets issues must also be addressed**

# Process Options

- **Option 1**
  - **The OC determines the reliability standards that must be met**
  - **The OC sends to the MIC**
  - **The MIC addresses the markets issues, incorporating the OC standards at a minimum**
- **Option 2**
  - **Joint committee meeting**
- **Option 3**
  - **MIC meeting with OC representation**