



## Save these Dates!

**PMEA 2025 Annual Conference – September 3 – 5, 2025**  
Omni Bedford Springs, Bedford

**PMEA Business Workshop**  
– September 3, 2025 @ Omni Bedford Springs, Bedford

**2025 Training for Line Crews –**  
*\*Registration will open prior to each course\**

URD/ Splicing  
March 20 & 21 - Grove City  
March 24 & 25 - Chambersburg  
March 26 & 27 - Lansdale

Job Briefings & Analysis  
August 7 & 8 - Grove City  
August 11 & 12 - Chambersburg  
August 13 & 14 - Lansdale

Metering  
May 12 & 13 - Grove City  
May 19 & 20 - Chambersburg  
May 21 & 22 - Lansdale

Team Building  
October 16 & 17 - Grove City  
October 20 & 21 - Chambersburg  
October 22 & 23 - Lansdale

**PMEA Spring Superintendents/ Foremen Meeting**  
April 10 & 11, 2025 @ The Nittany Lion Inn, State College  
*\*Registration opens soon – watch your email for details\**

## PJM Granted Delay for Next Capacity Auction

FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, has granted PJM the requested delay for what was to be the December capacity auction. The auction will now occur in June 2025. According to FERC's ruling, PJM states that the six-month delay would have a cascading effect on other BRAs through the 2029/2030 delivery year and will require cancelling several Incremental Auctions to accommodate the compressed auction schedule in order to put PJM on track to return to a three-year forward RPM auction schedule in the least time consistent with an orderly process. In its waiver request PJM includes the following table which illustrates the revised RPM auction schedule:

Table 1 – Revised Auction Schedule			
Delivery Year	Auction	Current Schedule	Proposed Schedule
<b>2026/2027</b>	<b>BRA</b>	<b>Dec. 2024</b>	<b>June 2025</b>
2026/2027	Third IA	Feb. 2026	Feb. 2026
<b>2027/2028</b>	<b>BRA</b>	<b>June 2025</b>	<b>Dec. 2025</b>
2027/2028	Second IA	July 2026	cancelled
2027/2028	Third IA	Feb. 2027	Feb. 2027
<b>2028/2029</b>	<b>BRA</b>	<b>Dec. 2025</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
2028/2029	Second IA	July 2027	July 2027
2028/2029	Third IA	Feb. 2028	Feb. 2028
<b>2029/2030</b>	<b>BRA</b>	<b>May 2026</b>	<b>Dec. 2026</b>
2029/2030	First IA	Sept. 2027	cancelled
2029/2030	Second IA	July 2028	July 2028
2029/2030	Third IA	Feb. 2029	Feb. 2029
<b>2030/2031</b>	<b>BRA</b>	<b>May 2027</b>	<b>May 2027</b>

Under PJM's Reliability Pricing Model (RPM), PJM generally conducts a BRA (base residual auction) three years in advance of a delivery year to procure resource commitments sufficient to meet reliability requirements in the PJM region. PJM also holds three Incremental Auctions, which provide opportunities for capacity market participants to sell available capacity and purchase replacement capacity and for PJM to secure additional commitments of capacity or relieve sellers from prior capacity commitments based on updated reliability requirements.

## 5 Governor call for PJM capacity market rule changes to reduce ‘unnecessary’ consumer costs

Five governors are urging the PJM Interconnection to reform its capacity market rules and interconnection queue process to prevent “unnecessary” costs for electricity customers.

PJM’s last capacity auction in July will cost consumers a “staggering” \$14.7 billion, which could hurt economic development, according to [a letter from the governors](#) of Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania sent Friday to PJM.

“We remain concerned that the current years-long PJM interconnection process severely limits the ability of high-capacity prices to encourage the development of additional capacity,” the governors said. “If developers cannot expect to get through the interconnection queue before a reasonably near-term delivery year, then additional energy projects cannot be deployed in time – no matter how high prices rise.”

The governors said they support PJM’s plan to delay the upcoming auction by about six months so it can work with stakeholders to make changes to its market rules.

The [Organization of PJM States, Inc.](#), the PJM’s [independent market monitor](#) and

the [PJM Power Providers Group](#), or P3 Group, which represents generators, support various market reforms. The Sierra Club and other environmental groups filed [a complaint](#) arguing that PJM’s rules for reliability must-run units unfairly increases capacity prices and should be changed. Separately, the governors on Friday [told the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission](#) they support the complaint and PJM’s plan to delay a capacity auction that is set to be held in early December.

The governors asked PJM to include RMR units in upcoming capacity auctions, noting that OPSI, the market monitor and the groups behind the complainant say that making the change would save consumers between \$3 billion and \$5 billion in the next auction without undermining market competitiveness or necessary price signals.

They also called for:

- Eliminating the must-offer exemption for intermittent resources, while protecting them from performance penalties that discourage market participation.
- Lowering the capacity price cap to the level it was before PJM’s recent capacity market reforms;
- Reviewing recent effective load carrying capability accreditation changes and adjusting them to improve their accuracy; and,
- Adopting a subannual capacity market designed to reduce risk on the transmission system as soon as possible.

Without the changes, analysts expect the next auction could cost more than \$30 billion, they said.

The governors look forward to working on [PJM’s Reliability Resource Initiative](#), including finding an appropriate role for states to help identify “shovel ready” projects for the potential accelerated interconnection review process, according to the letter.

“Urgent action is needed to prevent customers from paying billions more than is necessary to support the development of needed capacity, and to reform the interconnection queue so developers can promptly respond to prices by providing new supply,” the governors said.

“We appreciate the correspondence and will be evaluating the requests made with the stakeholder body in the very near future,” Jeffrey Shields, a PJM spokesman, said in an email.

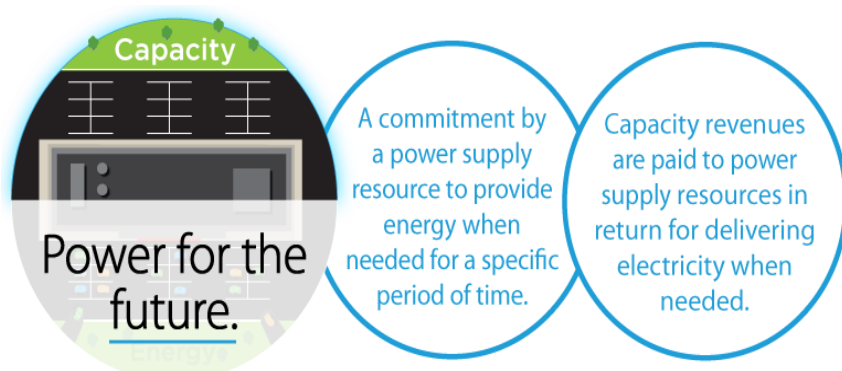
It is “great to see” the five PJM governors recognize the need for more resources on the grid to meet rising demand, according to Glen Thomas, P3 Group president. “Hopefully, they will use this opportunity to look at their own state’s policies to determine how those policies are contributing to the current power supply demand challenges,” Thomas said in an email Monday.

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## APPA Legislative Rally – Let Your Voice Be Heard

The Annual APPA Legislative Rally will be held February 24 -26, 2025, in Washington D.C. With the start of a new session of Congress and a new President, there will be much to share and discuss. The PJM auction issues will definitely be a focal point of the Pennsylvania team’s visits with members of Congress. So please consider registering for the conference and/ or participating in our Capitol Hill visits (*you can be part of the Pennsylvania team without registering for the conference*). For more information please visit: [APPA website here](#) or contact Diane Bosak at PMEA ([bosak@papublicpower.org](mailto:bosak@papublicpower.org)).



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## Legislators Recognized for Efforts to Fund Training

PMEA and the Borough of Blakely presented awards of recognition to Senator Rosemary Brown and Representative Kyle Mullins. The awards acknowledge the efforts of Senator Brown and Representative Mullins in securing a state grant to offset the cost of the training for line crews and superintendents in 2024. As a result of receiving the grant, PMEA was able to offer five different courses in each of the three locations – Lansdale, Chambersburg, and Grove City – and to offer specialized training to superintendents at their spring meeting.



The awards were given to Senator Brown and Representative Mullins at the November meeting of the Blakely Borough Council and presented by Manager Chris Paone and Council President Louis Parri (*all pictured here*).

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## Another Year of Training Complete



PMEA completes another round of training with the most recent course, Substation 101. Other topics for this year included: Advanced Transformer, Hot Stick, Crew Leadership. And Digger Derrck. Courses have been announced for 2025 so please watch your inbox for details when each registration period opens. Registration for the Spring Superintendents meeting will also open soon.



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## Associate Member Spotlight

Celebrating 60 years of innovation in 2025, Versalift is a leading global manufacturer of bucket trucks, cable placers, digger derricks and high access aerial lifts, providing their customers with a complete fleet solution. With a focus on quality, reliability, and safety, Versalift is committed to delivering customized solutions that meet the unique needs of their clients. Versalift products are proudly made in the USA.

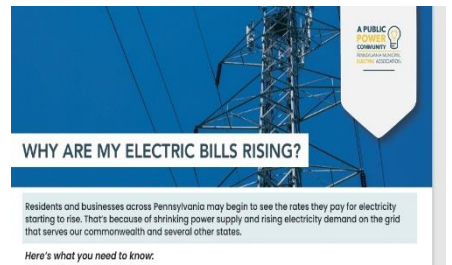


Please visit Versalift at [versalift.com](https://www.versalift.com) or contact John Kaspern at [johnkaspern@versalift.com](mailto:johnkaspern@versalift.com).

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## PJM Rate Issues Materials Available

PMEA members should have all received the materials relating to the PJM rate issues. We have provided talking points, a one pager for mailing to customers, our legislative advocacy strategy, and a short explainer video. We will be providing sample letters for legislative outreach in the near future and continuing to update our website with information. If you have not received these or have any questions, please contact Diane Bosak at [bosak@papublicpower.org](mailto:bosak@papublicpower.org).



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## Power Course Available

PMEA's Public Power Governance 101 educational video is available to all member municipalities. The course is designed for elected officials, staff, and stakeholders in Pennsylvania's 35 public power communities. This comprehensive module offers invaluable insights into the management and operation of municipal electric systems.

### PUBLIC POWER GOVERNANCE 101



Individuals completing the course may request a certificate of completion from PMEA. Borough councils may want to watch the video together and discuss the topics. PMEA staff is also available to come to your meetings to discuss the content with the council and/or staff. If you are interested in viewing the course, please contact Diane Bosak ([bosak@papublicpower.org](mailto:bosak@papublicpower.org)) at the PMEA office, for a private link to the video on our PMEA YouTube channel.

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## 2024 Will Be Better If You Share Your News....

Please share with us your exciting new projects, photos, personnel updates, and any other news you want to spread the word about. We know there is much happening in our member communities! Your submissions should be sent to [bosak@papublicpower.org](mailto:bosak@papublicpower.org) at any time and we will use them in upcoming editions. We also welcome your suggestions for topics of interest for our newsletters.

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