

## Subject: Action Needed by March 20: Public Comments to FERC on PJM Rule Changes

Important update for those following the Joshua Falls–Yeat transmission proposal.

A federal regulatory decision happening right now could influence how quickly projects like this move forward and who ultimately pays for the infrastructure. Residents have the opportunity to submit comments directly into the federal record before **March 20**, and it only takes a few minutes.

Many people are following the proposed Joshua Falls–Yeat transmission line and know that the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) will ultimately decide whether the project is approved. What is less widely known is that an important part of this discussion is happening right now at the federal level. The regional grid operator PJM has asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to approve new rules that would allow certain large power generation projects to move through the approval process on an expedited timeline, potentially reaching “shovel ready” status within about three years. The goal is to bring new power online quickly to serve rapidly growing electricity demand, particularly from large data centers.

Under the proposed Expedited Interconnection Track (Docket ER26-1563-000), PJM is asking for approval of up to 10 projects per year, each at least 250 MW in size. The proposal would also reduce the approval timeline from roughly four years to about ten months.

Why does this matter to us? Because to get the Joshua Falls – Yeat line they have to demonstrate need at the SCC. The EIT gives them that need. In other words, once those large generation projects are approved and moving forward, they begin to establish the regional reliability need for major transmission infrastructure to move that power across the grid. Projects like the proposed Joshua Falls–Yeat 765 kV transmission line are typically justified as part of that reliability planning process.

The good news is that residents can submit comments directly to FERC while these rules are under review. Public comments become part of the official federal record and help ensure regulators hear from the communities that could be affected by downstream infrastructure decisions.

Comments to FERC are due by March 20. Residents can submit comments directly into the federal record while these rules are under review. This matters because policies that fast-track large power generation can help establish the “reliability need” used to justify major transmission projects later, including proposals such as the Joshua Falls–Yeat 765 kV line.

Even a short statement helps ensure that our community’s voice is included in the federal record. If you submit one, feel free to let others know so they can follow along. Please don’t be discouraged by the extensive instructions. Your comments are important. If you follow the directions carefully you will have success ensuring your voice is heard at the federal level. Once you successfully submit please help others along.

### Comment deadline: March 20.

Submitting a comment takes **5–10 minutes**. Have your comments in a **Word or PDF document before you begin**.

### How to Submit Your Comment

#### Step 1

Go to: <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>

On the left side of the page click E-Filing

On next page click **New User**

#### Step 2

Enter your name, email address, and create a password. Finally, enter the verification letters then click **NEXT** (**Do not click Done**, if you do you will not be able to eFile your public comments)

#### Step 3

Enter your mailing address and phone number and then click **Next**, the next screen will ask you to verify your mailing address, click **Next**.

#### Step 4

The next screen asks the organization you are working on behalf. Since you are a private citizen leaving a comment you will leave this information blank and click **Done**.

Note, the screens states, “If you are a private citizen you can leave this page blank”

#### Step 5

A Verification email will be sent to the email address you specified. Once you receive that email click on the link provided within the email. It will indicate your email address has been verified and you are ready for the process to upload your public comment.

#### Step 6

Click eFiling on the blue bars, if asked to login do so. On the next screen select “**General**” within the left box. Then select “**Comment (on Filing, Environ., Report, or Tech Conf)**” in the middle box, then **Comment** in the right box. Finally click **Next**.

#### Step 7

When asked for the docket number, type: **ER26-1563-000** and then click **Search**. Once the docket pulls up click the + mark beside the docket. The description will list it as “PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Proposed Tariff Amendments for Expedited Interconnection Track submitted on 2/27/2026 4:02:12 PM, Filing Type code: 10”

Once the docket shows up in the selected dockets window below. Now click **Next**.

#### Step 8

You will now be at an upload screen. Your comments will have to be in PDF or Word format. Click **Choose File** and select your file with your typed comments. Provide a description and click **Upload**. Once the file is uploaded click **Next**

#### Step 9

On the next screen select “**As an individual**” and then select **Next**. On the next screen you will see individual selected and your email, if not there type the email that you used for your initial registration. Click **Add as a Signer** and then click **Next**.

Finally, on the next screen click **submit**. Once submitted, your comment becomes part of the official federal record. Congratulations!

#### What Should You Say?

Do not feel intimidated by some of the technical arguments surrounding this issue. FERC regulators also want to hear from individual residents and communities about how policies like this could affect the places where we live.

Feel free to explain:

- How new transmission corridors could impact your community
- Why cost shifting from large industrial users to residents concerns you
- Why fast-tracking large power projects could lead to more infrastructure in rural areas

Your personal perspective and concerns are important and belong in the record.

Example Short Comment

Subject: Docket ER26-1563

I urge FERC to ensure PJM’s proposed rule changes do not shift infrastructure costs from large industrial electricity users onto residential ratepayers. Policies that accelerate large power generation and large electricity loads risk increasing pressure for major transmission expansion across rural regions, including projects such as the proposed Joshua Falls–Yeat 765 kV line in Central Virginia. The Commission should ensure these rules remain consistent with the cost causation principle and do not create undue discrimination between customers.