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## *PJM Meetings Today*

**Interconnection Process Subcommittee** Conference Call 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. EPT

PJM will provide an Interconnection Process Cycle update.

GT Power Source Users can learn more about  
today's meeting by logging on to  
[www.gtpowersource.com](http://www.gtpowersource.com).



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## *Headlines from Around the Region*

### **PJM Auction Procures 134,479 MW of Generation Resources**

Price, largely unchanged, comes in at FERC-approved cap; total capacity cleared is short of reliability standard; certain mitigating factors and expected Board action could reinforce reliability in this and future delivery years

VALLEY FORGE, Pa., Dec. 17, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- PJM Interconnection today announced the results of its 2027/2028 Base Residual Auction (BRA), which secured 134,479 MW of unforced capacity generation (UCAP) and demand response (DR) to meet projected electricity needs for more than 67 million people across 13 states and the District of Columbia.

For more see: <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/pjm-auction-procures-134-479-mw-of-generation-resources-302645185.html>

Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/prices-biggest-us-power-grid-auction-hit-new-record-supply-crunch-2025-12-17/>

E&E: <https://www.eenews.net/articles/prices-hit-new-highs-in-pjm-electricity-auction/>

Bloomberg: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-12-17/costs-on-key-us-grid-hit-new-record-testing-affordability>

RTO Insider: <https://www.rtoinsider.com/121911-pjm-capacity-auction-clears-max-price-falls-short-reliability-requirement/>

NRDC: <https://www.nrdc.org/press-releases/first-time-history-pjm-auction-fails-procure-necessary-power-supply>

Governor Shapiro (PA): <https://www.pa.gov/governor/newsroom/2025-press-releases/gov-shapiro-s-legal-action-again-averts-historic-price-spike-acr>

EPSA/P3: <https://epsa.org/pjm-capacity-auction-results-show-continued-impact-of-rising-energy-demand-and-need-for-investment/>

### **Governor Murphy Announces Zero-Emission Vehicle Report to Accompany Strategic Investments**

Report Reflects on Successful Buildout and Strategies to Continue Accelerating Adoption of EVs

Investments Further Transportation Decarbonization Goals and Introduce One-Stop Shop Tool

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today highlighted investments in decarbonizing and electrifying the transportation sector, based on recommendations outlined in the New Jersey Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Roadmap report. The report outlines the progress achieved, the challenges ahead, and strategies to encourage market transformation and accelerate the adoption of ZEVs.

For more see: <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562025/approved/20251217c.shtml>

### **Top energy concerns for Maryland: Constellation CEO Joseph Dominguez**

"Basically, we can only sell to large customers right now, and if this becomes a monopoly state, then what am I doing as a competitive company in a state that's made a decision to turn its back on the competitive market," he said. "It doesn't make sense being in a cheese company, in a place that's outlawed cheese. And we'll have to make that decision."

For more see: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/2025/12/18/energy-constellation-data-centers/>

### **Judge denies US Wind request to halt Trump administration attacks**

Despite financial risk to continuing with project, feds have not yet taken action that would officially stop work, judge writes

A federal judge has declined to issue an injunction that would have protected US Wind from what it says are Trump administration attempts to kill its planned wind farm off Ocean City, for which it already has permits.

U.S. District Judge Stephanie A. Gallagher in Baltimore noted in her decision — handed down Tuesday — that US Wind technically could move forward with constructing its wind farm off of Delmarva

For more see: <https://marylandmatters.org/2025/12/17/maryland-judge-denies-us-wind-injunction/>

## US Energy Secretary says Three Mile Island restart delivers on Trump administration promises

The nuclear plant near Harrisburg is slated to restart by 2027 to power Microsoft data centers

Microsoft and Constellation Energy's effort to restart the nuclear power plant at Three Mile Island to power artificial intelligence is a poster child for the Trump administration's agenda, U.S. Energy Secretary Christopher Wright said Wednesday.

"It's delivering on two of our large promises," he said after touring the 50-year-old power station in Dauphin County.

For more see: <https://penncapital-star.com/economy/energy-secretary-christopher-wright-says-three-mile-island-restart-delivers-on-trump-administration-promises/>

## Former utility commissioner offers advice on how Pennsylvanians can save on their power bills

(WHTM) — As the temperatures fall, those electricity bills are on the rise, but Pennsylvania has it better than a lot of other states because customers here get to shop for their power suppliers, but too many of us aren't shopping and leaving money on the table.

"Right now, people are opening up that electric bill and saying, 'Ouch,'" said John Hanger, who once led the state's Public Utility Commission and Department of Environmental Protection.

Hanger wants Pennsylvanians to know two things: One, you may be paying too much. Two, if not for a 1996 law he pushed, lawmakers passed, and former Gov. Tom Ridge signed, you would be paying a lot more. How much?

"It would have been probably anywhere around 40-50% higher on average across the state," said Hanger.

For more see: <https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania/former-utility-commissioner-offers-advice-on-how-pennsylvanians-can-save-on-their-power-bills/>

## Illinois running low on power as AI data centers spike electricity demand

That's the word from state analysts trying to figure out whether there are enough sources of electricity to keep the lights on in the coming years.

The outlook is bleak, according to a just-released report from Gov. JB Pritzker's administration, as demand is sky high and older sources of power, such as coal plants, are shutting down. Newer sources of "clean" power, such as wind and solar, are not coming online quickly enough.

For more see: <https://www.dailyherald.com/20251217/energy/illinois-running-low-on-power-as-ai-data-centers-spike-electricity-demand/?print>

## Constellation approved for 20-year license renewals for two Illinois nuclear plants, plans \$370M in upgrades

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved a 20-year initial license renewal for Constellation's Clinton Clean Energy Center and a 20-year subsequent license renewal for its Dresden Clean Energy Center, following a review of maintenance activities, plant equipment and safety systems at the two Illinois facilities.

For more see: <https://www.power-eng.com/nuclear/constellation-approved-for-20-year-license-renewals-for-two-illinois-nuclear-plants-plans-370m-in-upgrades/>



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