

PROPOSED EMERGENCY DEFINITION
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PJM Emergency Definition¹

An abnormal system condition requiring manual or automatic action to maintain system frequency, or to prevent loss of firm load, equipment damage, or tripping of system elements that could adversely affect the reliability of an electric system or the safety of persons or property.

RAP Emergency Definition²

An electric power outage due to a failure of the electrical grid, on-site disaster, local equipment failure, or public service emergencies such as flood, fire or natural disaster.

Compromise Proposal for Distributed Generation Emergency Definition³

An abnormal **heating, ventilating, air conditioning or** electric power system condition or outage, caused by failure of the electrical grid, a local on-site disaster, system equipment failure, or public emergency such as flood, fire or natural disaster, and which requires manual or automatic actions to maintain an acceptable level of service, or to prevent loss of load, equipment damage, or tripping of system elements that could adversely affect the reliability of service or the safety of persons or property.

¹ <http://www.pjm.com/documents/downloads/glossary/pjm101-glossary.pdf>

² Regulatory Assistance Project Issuesletter, July 2003, Model Regulations for the Output of Specified Air Emissions from Smaller-Scale Electric Generation Resources

³ A consolidation of two definitions with a recognition that distributed generation may be acting as a heating, ventilating or cooling supplement which may also be subject to emergency concerns.