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**PJM NAMED ONE OF NATION'S MOST ADOPTION-FRIENDLY COMPANIES
FOR 9TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

PJM Ranks First Among Energy and Utility Companies

(Valley Forge, Pa. – Oct. 7, 2015) – For the ninth consecutive year, PJM Interconnection, the electricity grid operator for 13 states and the District of Columbia, has been named by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption as one of the best adoption-friendly companies in America.

The foundation developed the Best Adoption-Friendly Workplaces in America lists, categorized by industry, from a survey of more than 500 companies. They were ranked based on their adoption benefits, such as financial reimbursement for the costs of adoption and paid adoption leave for employees. PJM ranked first in the nation within its category of energy and utility companies and 16th overall.

“PJM is committed to employees and their families, and so we’re especially honored to receive this award again for the variety of meaningful programs and benefits for those adopting a child,” said Nora Swimm, PJM senior vice president – Corporate Client Services.

The announcement of the 2015 100 Best Adoption-Friendly Workplaces list comes the month preceding National Adoption Month, a collective campaign to raise awareness of the children in foster care waiting to get adopted. Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy’s and of the foundation, was himself adopted and was a champion of adoption.

For more information on adoption and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and to see a complete listing of the honored companies, go to www.AdoptionFriendlyWorkplace.org.

[PJM Interconnection](http://www.pjm.com), founded in 1927, ensures the reliability of the high-voltage electric power system serving 61 million people in all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. PJM coordinates and directs the operation of the region’s transmission grid, which includes 62,556 miles of transmission lines; administers a competitive wholesale electricity market; and plans regional transmission expansion improvements to maintain grid reliability and relieve congestion. Visit PJM at www.pjm.com.

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