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PJM REFLECTS ON CULTURE OF CARING AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Employees donate \$147,000 and volunteer 2,000 hours of outreach, sustainability efforts in 2016

(Valley Forge, Pa. – April 11, 2017) – PJM Interconnection, the Valley Forge-based company that ensures power supply for 65 million people in 13 states and Washington, D.C., announced that its employees reached a new record in donations and employee outreach in the community. During 2016, PJM employees donated more than \$147,000 to area nonprofits through the United Way campaign. In addition, employees devoted nearly 2,000 hours to community, civic, educational and health-related projects in their communities, including environmental stewardship and sustainability projects which are visible throughout the PJM campus.

“Caring is a key pillar of the PJM culture and part of our value proposition in the community. I’m proud of how our employees constantly demonstrate their commitment to bettering the neighborhoods where we live and work,” Andrew L. Ott, PJM president and CEO.

PJM is responsible for the largest power grid in North America, including in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware and it operates the largest wholesale energy market.

Civic and Community Outreach

PJM and its employees support a wide variety of charities and efforts that benefit their communities. Many employees give back by supporting professional organizations and causes that are important to them personally.

- Employees volunteered at Cradles to Crayons, North Light Community Center, The Pathways School and Main Line Animal Rescue among others.
- PJM places a strong emphasis on volunteering as part of its annual United Way campaign. As a result, PJM not only met, but exceeded, its United Way campaign goals for days spent volunteering and monetary donations. PJM employees donated more than \$147,000 to area nonprofits through United Way.
- Last year, 120 employees served over 5,100 breakfasts at local homeless shelters.
- Employees donated 300 holiday gifts to local families through Project Snowflake.

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Educational Outreach

PJM employees understand the importance of educating the next generation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). They engage in educational outreach to inspire students of all ages.

- Employees provided demonstrations and shared information at the Philadelphia Science Festival, Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technologies and school career fairs in Philadelphia, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties.
- PJM has an ongoing mentoring relationship with Saint Gabriel's Hall. Teams of students paired with PJM employees and met regularly to build a model solar car.

Sustainability

PJM employees strive to make the best use of resources while considering the balance among the needs of people, the economy and the environment.

- In 2016, the PJM campus became [GreenCircle Certified](#)[®], which confirms that 95 percent of all waste was diverted away from landfills to composting, recycling or used as fuel for electricity generation.
- Employees recycled 2,594 pounds of batteries, 22,309 pounds of electronics and 5,593 pounds of computer monitors in a safe and sustainable manner.
- PJM follows LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) guidelines and earned Energy Star Certification at its Conference and Training Center and in several automated systems throughout campus.

Health-Related Outreach

PJM and its employees actively support and contribute toward awareness of and the cure for many health-related challenges. Employees raise money through charity walks, runs and bike rides.

- In 2016, 25 PJM cyclists participated in several charity events, including the MS 150 City to Shore, and collectively raised nearly \$20,000 for charity.
- PJM employees donated 78 pints of blood in Red Cross blood drives last year.

"PJM is truly an organization that cares about the community and giving back is a central focus for employees," said Nora C. Swimm, senior vice president – Corporate Client Services. "Every year, our employees donate more, add additional volunteer hours and develop stronger commitments in their communities."

[PJM Interconnection](#), founded in 1927, ensures the reliability of the high-voltage electric power system serving 65 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 over 82,000 miles of transmission lines; administers a competitive wholesale electricity market; and plans regional transmission expansion improvements to maintain grid reliability and relieve congestion. PJM's regional grid and market operations produce annual savings of \$2.8 billion to \$3.1 billion. For the latest news about PJM, visit PJM Inside Lines at insidelines.pjm.com.

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