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PJM TO HOST 2ND FORUM ON ELECTRIC GRID SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

Sept. 19 event to focus on resilience in physical and cybersecurity, planning and operations

(Valley Forge, Pa. – Aug. 23, 2017) – PJM Interconnection, the operator of the nation’s largest electric grid, is hosting its second event this year focused on power grid resilience. The event, called Grid 20/20: Focus on Security and Resilience, will be held Sept. 19, 2017, in Baltimore.

Extreme weather events, cyberattacks and potential physical attacks on electric facilities are driving the electric power industry and grid operators to operate and plan for resilience in the power system. At PJM’s forum, industry experts, government agency experts and other stakeholders will discuss incorporating resilience into planning, operations and markets, and cyber and physical security processes.

“Resilience goes beyond existing reliability criteria,” said PJM President and CEO Andrew L. Ott. “While we plan and operate the grid to run reliably – it’s our first priority -- the new charge for us and the industry is making sure the grid stands up to and recovers from a wider range of threats.”

Advancing resilience is a focused effort for PJM to prepare, operate and recover from an event, minimizing the likelihood of a long-duration disruption to grid operations.

PJM’s Grid 20/20 in April focused on the report, “PJM’s Evolving Resource Mix and System Reliability.” Panelists provided perspectives about the amount of natural gas and renewable generation the system can reliably use. This event will focus on threats to the physical and cyber assets and how PJM can evolve its processes as a grid operator to meet this new challenge.

To attend the Baltimore event in person or via a live web conference presentation, registration is required. PJM’s Grid 20/20 will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor. For more details on the forum, or to register, visit the [Grid 20/20 page](#) on [pjm.com](#).

[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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