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**PJM AMONG MOST ADOPTION-FRIENDLY U.S. COMPANIES
FOR 11TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

PJM First among Energy and Utility Companies

(Valley Forge, Pa. – Sept. 26, 2017) – For the 11th consecutive year the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has identified PJM Interconnection as one of the top adoption-friendly companies in the United States. PJM, operator of the nation’s largest power grid, was ranked first in the nation among energy and utility companies.

The foundation ranked companies for the Best Adoption-Friendly Workplaces honor based on their adoption benefits, such as financial reimbursement for the costs of adoption and paid adoption leave for employees.

“PJM is built on a culture of caring that extends throughout our community and to our employees and their families. We remain committed to helping employees who wish to grow their families through adoption,” said Nora Swimm, senior vice president – Corporate Client Services. “We are truly honored to be recognized for the 11th time.”

Sean McNamara, director – IT Business Solutions, made use of PJM’s benefits when adopting his daughter in 2013. He and his wife Kristen had cared for her since birth and adopted her at age five.

“Having the PJM adoption benefits was a blessing to our family. Our daughter has enriched our lives and family,” said McNamara. “We are grateful for the PJM benefit and the help we received from the company.”

The McNamaras also have two sons and reside in Gilbertsville, Pa.

The announcement of the 2017 100 Best Adoption-Friendly Workplaces list precedes 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 adopted himself and was a champion of adoption.

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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](#), 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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