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**PJM BOARD AUTHORIZES \$1.8 BILLION IN TRANSMISSION ADDITIONS, UPGRADES**  
*Upgrades to address reliability vulnerability through 2023*

(Valley Forge, Pa. – Oct. 17, 2008) – The PJM Interconnection Board has approved \$1.8 billion in electric transmission system additions and upgrades for the grid necessary to keep the lights on in years ahead. The improvements will enhance the reliability of the power supply system serving 51 million people in 13 states and the District of Columbia.

The PJM Board has authorized a cumulative \$11.6 billion in transmission improvements since 2000 when PJM's first Regional Transmission Expansion Plan (RTEP) was approved. The current authorized upgrades and improvements are comprised of dozens of projects within most of PJM's transmission zones. Most of the new projects are forecast to be less than \$50 million in investment individually.

"With the increasing importance of transmission infrastructure in facilitating solutions for our future energy needs, it is critical to have a robust transmission system. Once again by working with the stakeholders, we have identified improvements that will mitigate potential reliability threats," said Terry Boston, PJM's president and chief executive officer. "We're fortunate in our industry to have a process like the regional planning process to see that far out ahead—to 2023—and head off problems now."

There are almost 96,000 megawatts (MW) of proposed new generation under development through the interconnection process, with 8,300 MW of projects under construction. Since the RTEP process began, more than 19,000 MW of new generation has been connected to the grid.

Since February 2008, when the last major upgrades were authorized, PJM completed 82 interconnection system impact studies which identify the upgrades required to reliably integrate new interconnections to the PJM system. During the past year, 73 proposed interconnection projects withdrew. The net increase in the RTEP with new and withdrawn generation projects is \$349 million.

System upgrades were authorized for the transmission zones of Atlantic Electric, Baltimore Gas and Electric, Delmarva Power and Light, MetEd, PECO Energy, Penelec, Pepco, PPL, PSE&G, Jersey Central Power and Light, American Electric Power, Allegheny Power System, Commonwealth Edison and Dominion Virginia Power.

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There were no new major backbone transmission infrastructure lines authorized by the board at this time.

PJM's Regional Transmission Expansion Plan includes upgrades and new projects to maintain system reliability and to interconnect new electric generation. PJM has a 15-year planning horizon. The plan considers the growth and changes in the broad, multi-state region. By not being limited to considering just one utility's service territory, the PJM planning process can determine the most effective and cost-efficient transmission solution no matter where it is located in the region.

*PJM Interconnection ensures the reliability of the high-voltage electric power system serving 51 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 6,038 substations and 56,350 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](http://www.pjm.com).*

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