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**PJM NAMED ONE OF NATION'S BEST
ADOPTION-FRIENDLY COMPANIES**

Fifth Consecutive Year PJM Earns Award

(Valley Forge, Pa. – Sept. 19, 2011) – 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. PJM is receiving the honor for the fifth consecutive year.

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 fifth in the nation within its category of energy and utility companies.

Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy's and of the foundation, was himself adopted and was a champion of adoption.

"We are honored to receive this award for the fifth consecutive year. It reflects our commitment to employees, as well as our efforts to provide a variety of programs and benefits," said Nora Swimm, PJM vice president – Corporate Client Services. "It's just one way our inclusive environment supports our employees and their families."

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 58 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 61,000 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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