



## **PJM's Response to the Issuance of the Final EPA MATS Rule**

(Valley Forge, Pa. – Dec. 21, 2011) – PJM Interconnection today issued the following statement in response to the issuance of the final Mercury and Toxics Standards (MATS) rule by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

PJM and four other RTO/ISOs proposed in comments to the EPA a process to ensure that reliability in our respective regions can be maintained as the final Mercury and Toxics Standards (MATS) rule is implemented. The final MATS rule will have different degrees of impact in various parts of the country.

We at PJM are pleased that the EPA Administrator has included the key elements of our proposed process to preserve reliability into documents accompanying the final rule. We at PJM intend to work with EPA, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the states and others to ensure that process can be effectively utilized to address particular reliability challenges and ensure that the reliability of the electric grid is maintained during this critical period.

*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](http://www.pjm.com).*