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PJM RECEIVES PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL BLACK START RESOURCES TO RESTART ELECTRIC SYSTEM IF POWER LOST ACROSS THE GRID

(Valley Forge, Pa. – Oct. 4, 2013) – PJM Interconnection, the operator of the largest North American power grid, received numerous responses to its initiative to ensure the best mix of resources to restart the grid if power was lost across the entire system.

PJM said it received responses for more than 50 generating units across its footprint from a request for proposals for generators that can start up without an outside source of power and deliver electricity to the grid. It’s known in the utility industry as black start service. These resources provide the initial power to the transmission system to restart other generators. The 90-day window for proposals closed September 30.

A months-long process of evaluating the proposals is underway as part of PJM’s recently approved system restoration strategy. PJM will compare new proposals with existing resources to determine the best, most cost-effective solutions to ensure the ability to restart the grid.

“We were pleased with the response to our request for proposals,” said Michael J. Kormos, PJM executive vice president – Operations. “There appears to be a large pool of viable units, both proposed and existing, from which to achieve the most effective balance of black start resources.”

PJM will examine the proposals and make selections based on needs, capability of units, location of units and cost. Existing black start generators are expected to continue providing black start service under their current commitment terms unless otherwise notified.

PJM Interconnection, founded in 1927, ensures the reliability of the high-voltage electric power system serving 61 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 62,556 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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