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Mr. Mark Takahashi Chair, PJM Board of Managers

Mr. Manu Asthana President & CEO

PJM Interconnection, LLC 2750 Monroe Boulevard Audubon, Pennsylvania 19403

Dear Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Asthana:

The undersigned states have energy and economic development goals that require an electric grid that is ready to meet the challenges of the modern economy. We recognize the recent milestone action taken by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Order No. 1920 to establish new regional transmission planning best practices to better support states in meeting public policy goals. We write today to urge you to facilitate a robust process for states to engage with PJM and stakeholders on these planning decisions moving forward.

Transmission planning is essential to delivering economic growth, electric grid reliability, and cost savings for consumers. Collectively, the undersigned states understand its importance to developing large-scale low-and-zero emission energy resources that will support the increasing demand for electricity as new industries emerge and grow our energy workforce. Accomplishing this collective vision requires close coordination with PJM Interconnection, LLC.

FERC Order No. 1920 envisions a clear collaboration between the grid operator and state policymakers to identify long-range planning scenarios that incorporate state policy priorities. Additionally, the Order provides encouragement that the pace of transmission expansion will meet our growing interconnection needs, particularly in light of the unprecedented funding available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

State and regional decisionmakers each play a critical role in ensuring that our residents have access to affordable and reliable power, especially in the event of extreme weather. We applaud the steps you have already taken in response to Order No. 1920 to prepare for scenario discussions that include each of our states and look forward to working to the greatest extent possible with PJM management and stakeholders in shaping regional transmission planning and cost allocation approaches. We know that working together, states and PJM can provide consumers with a better outcome than any of us can achieve

separately and stand ready to collaborate with PJM to meet FERC's compliance deadline and to ensure proper investment in our grid.

Sincerely,

Illinois

Governor J. B. Pritzker

Maryland

Governor Wes Moore

New Jersey

Governor Phil Murphy

Pennsylvania

Governor Josh Shapiro

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