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CC: Mr. David Mills, Chair, PJM Board of Managers. Members of the PJM Board.

Northern Illinois is home to over nine million people and countless businesses served by PJM Interconnection, LCC (PJM). With these constituents in mind, I write to express my concern with PJM's proposed approach to address the anticipated increases in large load additions. Changes are needed to provide the reliability and cost savings that are essential services that membership in PJM should provide to all its customers.

Illinois welcomes growth in data centers and advanced manufacturing. These businesses provide economic growth and opportunity to Illinois and the region. However, the increase in load on the grid could threaten the very reliability that underpins our economic growth and wellbeing and may increase bills for working families and existing businesses already burdened by high prices. This tension is exacerbated by the lack of new generation resources coming online in recent years – caused in part by PJM's prior struggles to address its backlogged generator interconnection queue. Any solution selected by the PJM Board must ensure reliability and protect existing customers from unjustified costs while still allowing for new economic development.

I applaud PJM and its board for recognizing the impending crisis and need for action. The Critical Issue Fast Path (CIFP) for Large Load Additions process recognizes the need for action to alleviate potential impact of these large load additions on the upcoming Base Residual Auction (BRA) for 2028-2029. However, PJM Staff's current proposal does not do enough to ensure improved reliability and protect existing PJM customers from large, unjustified costs. Some of the numerous other proposals submitted in the CIFP process provide beneficial consumer protections, including the proposal put forward by Governors Moore, Murphy, Shapiro, and Youngkin and the Data Center Coalition, which limits the costs of the 2028-2029 capacity auction.

In August, I joined with Governors Moore, Murphy, and Shapiro to call for improving PJM's load forecast through the CIFP process. Such improvements are still needed to prevent an unrealistic forecast that charges businesses and working families for capacity to serve load that never appears. In addition to improved load forecasting, improved pathways for large load to benefit from

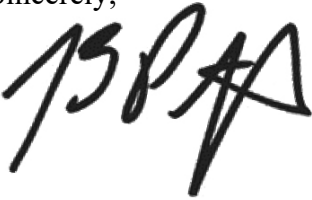
participating in demand response and ways for large load to bring their own new generation (not simply repurpose existing generation) will also help reduce strain on the grid, protect PJM customers, and ensure economic growth.

Given the volatile prices in recent capacity auctions and the uncertainty of the CIFP proposals to protect consumers from unjustified cost increases in the next capacity auction, I am also supportive of efforts to extend the price cap for the 2027-2028 BRA auction. This would provide Illinois businesses and residents with price certainty while we address the impacts of large loads on electricity prices.

Any proposal adopted by the PJM Board must ensure the reliability of the grid and protect existing businesses and residents during a load shed event, to provide the grid reliability that those customers depend on.

These are unprecedented times. The PJM Board must do all that it can to protect customers by ensuring the reliability of the grid, fairly distribute costs to customers, contribute to economic development, and continue to demonstrate the value of the multistate grid. I look forward to working with PJM to develop solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", with a stylized, overlapping flourish at the end.

Governor JB Pritzker