



Mr. David Mills
Chair, PJM Board of Managers

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Dear Mr. Mills and Members of the PJM Board,

Electricity bills have risen again and again, not just in our states, where PJM oversees many electricity markets and the transmission system, but across the country. Today, a group of governors and the White House called on PJM to act for our region and constituents based on a set of agreed-upon principles. This is the first step to ensuring data centers pay their fair share to protect our families from costs they should not shoulder, but the details matter and implementation of these principles must put the public interest first.

Since last year, we have worked together to advocate for policy changes at PJM, engaging with its staff and its stakeholders to develop reasonable policies balancing affordability, reliability, and economic development to integrate data centers on our grid, recognizing the unique challenges they place on the system. We have been clear, time and again, that ratepayers must not shoulder the burden caused by new large load users. Our advocacy includes directly writing to the PJM Board to adopt policies through their Critical Issue Fast Path that encourage data centers to bring their own generation, ensuring existing customers are protected from shutoffs through a reliability backstop, and extending the price cap.

We are glad to see that the Trump Administration recognizes this crisis occurring on their watch as well as the merits of our efforts. Extending the price cap and allocating the cost of new generation to the data centers needing that generation are both critical measures to protect ratepayers. And, we have long advocated for a functioning interconnection queue. We look forward to continuing collaboration with governors from all PJM states and both sides of the aisle to reform PJM to build a better, more affordable, more reliable grid that will benefit the entire region.

Implementation of these principles must also ensure that clean, cheap energy growth will not be sabotaged as it will help lower costs for consumers and promote economic growth. New generation will take time to come online, and while the price collar will help control



costs for the next few years, residents should be protected from costs they did not cause and be provided reliable power that they depend on. Further, we have raised in various arenas that states and their commissions have limited influence at PJM. This must change, especially when considering the reforms the principles lay out.

PJM's capacity market is in dire need of reform, and our constituents must be protected from skyrocketing energy bills and problems they did not create. Both of these facts are now recognized by a wide range of stakeholders across the political spectrum and economic sectors, including the federal Administration. That reform will take collaboration and care to respect the independence of energy regulators and protect clean power deployment from federal interference. We have fought for such reforms at PJM to protect our constituents. We again call for PJM to address these concerns. We will continue to fight until we see real solutions lowering electricity bills – not empty promises.

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Governor JB Pritzker
State of Illinois

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Phil Murphy".

Governor Philip D. Murphy
State of New Jersey