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Jason Connell, Vice President, System Planning, PJM Interconnection  
Sami Abdulsalam, Director, System Planning, PJM Interconnection

Re: Support for Transmission Proposals Aligning with Pennsylvania's Long-Term Energy and Economic Growth Priorities

Dear Mr. Connell and Mr. Abdulsalam,

On behalf of Team Pennsylvania, a statewide public-private partnership co-chaired by the Governor of Pennsylvania and a private sector leader, I am writing to express our support for PJM's ongoing work to evaluate transmission solutions in the 2025 PJM RTEP Window 1 competitive solicitation.

As outlined in Team Pennsylvania's Energy, Data Centers, and AI Roadmap, the Commonwealth faces rising energy demand driven by industrial growth, advanced manufacturing, and data center expansion. Reliable, large-scale transmission infrastructure is critical to ensuring Pennsylvania can meet this demand while maintaining its position as a leader in both innovation and energy production.

While we do not offer comment on the relative merits of any single proposal, we recognize that projects such as the 765 kV backbone solutions proposed by NextEra and Exelon (#237 and #687) represent the type of long-term transmission investment needed to strengthen the grid across Pennsylvania. These projects, and others like them, would not only relieve existing congestion and increase west-to-east transfer capability but also help unlock new generation potential and support more than 10 GW of anticipated load growth.

We further note that, although there is appropriate scrutiny on near-term transmission costs, the benefits of building a more resilient backbone system will accrue over decades, supporting customer reliability, grid flexibility, and economic competitiveness



across the region. Many parts of the country are already pursuing 765 kV systems, and ensuring PJM's footprint is equipped with similar infrastructure will help position Pennsylvania for sustained growth and investment.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing a reliable, modern, and forward-looking transmission system. We appreciate PJM's partnership in ensuring Pennsylvania remains well positioned to meet its energy and economic development needs.

Sincerely,

Abby L. Smith  
President and CEO  
Team Pennsylvania