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GOVERNOR OF OHIO



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PJM Board of Managers
PJM Interconnection, LLC
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Dear Members of the PJM Board of Managers:

Ensuring we have an abundant, affordable, and reliable energy supply that comes from a well-designed, competitive market is key to ensuring our Nation and my home state of Ohio continue our success in economic development and the onshoring of manufacturing. That is why I joined the National Energy Dominance Council and my fellow PJM governors in signing the “Statement of Principles Regarding PJM” (Principles) that provide a framework for achieving our shared goal of affordable and reliable energy.

We know that data centers are driving historic energy demand and that we must find ways to get new generation built quickly. But, we also know that serving this growing demand cannot come at the expense of reliability and affordability of our grid for other consumers.

Ohio wants to be a constructive partner, with both PJM and other states, in addressing our energy demands. We have already started doing our part to protect other ratepayers from increased costs and to quickly build new generation. For example:

- Ohio was one of the first states to approve new tariffs, brought forward by AEP Ohio, which require data centers to pay their fair share of infrastructure costs they cause.
- In 2024, my administration identified the need for new, reliable generation to be reviewed at PJM more quickly and advocated for the Reliability Resource Initiative.
- I recently signed House Bill 15, which shortens generation permitting processes, offers tax incentives for new generation equipment and expands opportunities for behind the meter generation, an important tool for data centers to become operational without impacting the regional grid.
- In November 2025, I announced the creation of a non-taxpayer supported \$100 million fund to support the development of new natural gas and nuclear infrastructure in Ohio.

We are also encouraged and excited by recent new energy development across Ohio that will benefit the region. Since January 2025, our state siting authority has received applications for more than 5,000 MW of new natural gas projects. Nuclear is also playing an increasingly important role in meeting growing demand. Through Ohio’s rich history of nuclear success, we are well positioned to support its expansion.

Ohio is actively engaged in doing our part to bring more energy to the grid, while protecting other ratepayers from the associated costs. However, energy reliability is not a one state issue. Ohio is ready to collaboratively work with PJM to thoughtfully enact the framework that the Principles provides to have the best chance at ensuring supply meets the ever-growing demand as we move to the future.

Very respectfully yours,



Mike DeWine
Governor

cc: National Energy Dominance Council, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission