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PJM Interconnection, LLC
Attn: PJM Board of Managers
2750 Monroe Boulevard
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Dear PJM Board of Managers:

West Virginia possesses significant energy resources that have long benefited the nation powering our economy and strengthening our defense. As we work to solve the future generation needs our country, the Mountain State remains committed to meeting this demand by supplying affordable baseload generation to the grid.

I support PJM's development of a Reliability Backstop mechanism to help further address the region's energy needs. At the same time, I urge you to pursue approaches that bring new capacity online soon while also ensuring prompt progress for dispatchable baseload projects with longer construction periods—many of which have been planned for a while and are nearing construction.

My district is the site of a proposed natural gas-fired power plant, which has been pending for several years due to previous challenges within PJM—challenges that, fortunately, have recently undergone some reform. West Virginia is ready to provide energy that will help bring relief to ratepayers while enabling the country's energy dominance if projects are allowed to proceed.

I am concerned that some are pushing for a procurement in which certain Transition Cycle 2 projects would be relegated to a later, elongated Stage Two based on expected in-service dates. Such an action would delay important dispatchable power generation that has already been in the queue for far too long. I strongly urge PJM to ensure that all projects active in Transition Cycle 2 are eligible for participation in the initial phase of any procurement.

PJM should focus on ensuring that generation projects that will provide large quantities of dispatchable baseload power can begin construction as soon as possible. Expediting the advancement of these projects will not only strengthen the reliability of our energy grid but also support economic growth and provide security for communities relying on consistent power supply.

By prioritizing timely action and removing unnecessary barriers, PJM can help ensure that West Virginia—and the broader region—benefits from the full potential of its energy resources without further delay.

Sincerely,

Senator Chris Rose

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