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<b>Governor Matt Meyer</b> State of Delaware	<b>Mayor Muriel Bowser</b> District of Columbia	<b>Governor JB Pritzker</b> State of Illinois	<b>Governor Mike Braun</b> State of Indiana
<b>Governor Andy Beshear</b> State of Kentucky	<b>Governor Wes Moore</b> State of Maryland	<b>Governor Gretchen Whitmer</b> Michigan	<b>Governor Mikie Sherrill</b> State of New Jersey
<b>Governor Josh Stein</b> State of North Carolina	<b>Governor Mike DeWine</b> State of Ohio	<b>Governor Josh Shapiro</b> Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	<b>Governor Bill Lee</b> State of Tennessee
<b>Governor Abigail D. Spanberger</b> Commonwealth of Virginia	<b>Governor Patrick Morrisey</b> State of West Virginia		

Dear Governors,

We thank you for your continued engagement and support in maintaining a reliable power grid for the PJM region. As a reminder, in the *Statement of Principles Regarding PJM* that you executed, the governors of PJM states committed to the following:

*The Undersigned Governors agree to:*

*Use their Authorities to Allocate Costs to Data Centers and Protect Residential Customers:  
Use all available authorities to ensure that their state public utility commissions design rate class structures to ensure that their states' LSEs allocate their share of the cost to procure new capacity through the Reliability Backstop Auctions to new data center loads that have not otherwise procured capacity or agreed to be curtailable.*

You, along with the White House Energy Dominance Council, also asked for us to run a Reliability Backstop Auction no later than September of 2026 to procure new electricity generating capacity.

Please note that when PJM runs this backstop procurement, if states have not established frameworks to appropriately allocate costs to new data center loads, it is unclear to which customers those costs would be assigned. Absent appropriate safeguards, it appears possible to PJM that these costs will be allocated to other consumers in your state based upon your existing state's framework. It is also possible that a lack of clarity around cost allocation could serve as a barrier to a successful backstop procurement to the extent it stimulates protests at FERC, limits participation, etc.

As such, we respectfully encourage that you take action on this critical commitment from the *Statement of Principles* as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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