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Mr. David Mills, President and CEO
PJM Board of Managers
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2750 Monroe Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Mills and Members of the PJM Board:

On behalf of over nine million residents of Illinois served by PJM Interconnection (PJM), the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) and the Illinois Commerce Commission Staff (ICC Staff) write to provide our support of "Updated PJM DESTF Package" issued on April 14, 2026, which is being voted on at the July 28, 2026 Market Reliability Committee meeting. This proposal creates an alternative pathway, allowing states to utilize their processes to address PJM identified reliability issues and thus avoid utilizing the PJM mandated Reliability Must Run (RMR) designation.

The PJM proposal's alternative pathway to access state processes, plans, and procurement methodologies to fill identified transmission-related reliability gaps caused by generation deactivations will mitigate over reliance on the RMR process. Further, the proposal provides an improved assessment process to identify and define reliability risks driven by deactivations over a forward looking 5-year time horizon. This revised assessment includes deactivation notices based on a 12-month notice window and others due to state law, which is expected to improve grid planning certainty by reducing reliance on speculative closures. The assessment will establish minimum criteria for an alternative generation solution that satisfies the reliability need resulting from deactivating unit(s). The assessment and related alternative criteria will guide states to potentially use their own processes to avoid an RMR designation.

The IPA and ICC Staff support PJM's solution package which allows Illinois to utilize its energy processes to address PJM identified reliability needs prior to utilizing the RMR process. We urge PJM and stakeholders to endorse this proposal.

Sincerely,

The Illinois Power Agency and Illinois Commerce Commission Staff