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The Honorable Chris Wright  
Secretary of Energy  
United States Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000

**Re: Request for Emergency Order Under Federal Power Act, Section 202(c)**

Dear Secretary Wright:

Because of anticipated system conditions, pursuant to Federal Power Act (“FPA”), Section 202(c)<sup>1</sup> and part 205, subpart W, of the regulations of the Department of Energy (“DOE” or “Department”),<sup>2</sup> PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. respectfully requests that the Secretary of Energy (“Secretary”) find that an imminent electric reliability emergency will exist that will threaten transmission reliability and the ability to serve load in the PJM Region due to a shortage of electric energy, a shortage of facilities for the generation of electric energy, and other causes as set forth herein.

PJM is confronting hot weather conditions, accompanied by forecasted temperatures projected at or around 95 degrees Fahrenheit or higher affecting all states within PJM’s region, and with temperatures forecasted to exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the BGE/PEPCO/Dominion Zones. PJM is projecting peak loads of approximately 159,563 MW on July 1, 2026 and approximately 162,860 MW on July 2, 2026, although these forecasted peak loads are preliminary and could come in higher depending on changes to forecasted temperatures. The forecasted demand raises a significant risk of emergency conditions that could jeopardize electric reliability and public safety. Such conditions could arise from, among other things, PJM RTO capacity deficiencies and/or transmission constraints (*i.e.*, imports into BGE/PEPCO/Dominion Zones).

PJM respectfully requests that the Secretary issue an order by noon Eastern Daylight Time on June 30, 2026, to be effective, June 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. through 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on July 3, 2026, that authorizes all electric generating units located within the PJM Region to operate up to their maximum generation output levels, notwithstanding air quality or other permit limitations. Granting the relief on this timeline will help PJM keep this

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824a(c).

<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. § § 7101 and 7151(b).

generation online before the July 1 evening peak and the July 2 evening peak, which is projected to be an all-time-high peak load. Notably, the load levels forecasted on Wednesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 2 presently exceed last year's peaks.

PJM anticipates it may not be able to meet the day ahead scheduling reserve requirement and anticipates issuing a Maximum Generation Alert and Load Management Alert (EEA 1) for the PJM footprint for Wednesday, July 1, and Thursday, July 2, with a Hot Weather Alert in place for PJM's Western Region for June 29 and entire region for June 30 to July 3. Further, PJM may need to implement Load Management and recall off-system sales on July 1 and/or July 2. This weather is expected to last through at least Friday, July 3, 2026. PJM is taking other emergency actions within its authority. In particular, PJM has recalled generator and transmission outages to the extent possible, and issued a Maintenance Outage Recall on June 25 in place as of 00:01 on June 29 in an effort to bring units into operational status to address potential capacity emergencies.

PJM anticipates that some generating units will imminently be limited in their power output due to emissions, effluent, and other limits established by environmental permits and state requirements, or that, due to continuing hot temperatures and the need for generation, may become subject to such operational limitations. These units are or will be described in Exhibit A to this letter. Such limitations will cause them to discontinue operations absent relief because they have, in some instances, little remaining run time. Specifically, PJM has been informed that the operation of these generators may be impacted by permit restrictions on sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, wastewater release, and other air pollutants (including ammonia) or other limitations, such as fuel throughput. The operational limits and permit restrictions will collectively be called "Operating Limits." The unit appearing on Exhibit A to this application does not oppose the relief PJM is requesting herein, and any units added to the Exhibit A will not be in opposition to the requested relief.

In the event that PJM identifies generation units that it deems necessary to operate in excess of these operating limits in order to maintain the reliability of the power grid in the PJM Region, PJM shall provide prompt written notice to the Department of Energy at [AskCR@hq.doe.gov](mailto:AskCR@hq.doe.gov) listing those units that PJM has identified, in the form of an updated Exhibit A to this Application, at 11:00 Eastern Daylight Time or 21:00 Eastern Daylight Time, whichever follows closest in time to the unit identification by PJM to the greatest extent feasible. PJM requests that any such additional units identified in this manner would be covered without the need for a separate order.

While multiple entities have confirmed Operating Limits based on emissions restrictions, PJM is also aware that many other generators are subject to similar permit limits and state requirements, and it is possible that some of these units could encounter an operational limitation due to a restriction under an environmental permit or state requirement at some point before

23:59 Eastern Daylight Time on June 30, 2026. Because the output from all of the generators subject to these restrictions would help to reduce the need for any firm load shedding that may be required during this hot and humid weather and significant system load while significant transmission and generation outages remain unrecalable, PJM seeks an order from the Department authorizing the provision of additional energy from any units identified in Exhibit A, as well as any other generating units that PJM may deem necessary to operate in excess of Operating Limits in order to maintain the reliability of the power grid in the PJM Region (the “Covered Units”). It is reasonable to expect that any of the Covered Units could exceed their Operating Limits during periods when PJM would need to dispatch the units during the emergency. Absent such an order, there is a risk that residences, hospitals, military facilities, water treatment plants, and other critical facilities may lose electric service to all or parts of their facilities due to the lack of adequate generation or transmission emergencies.

This relief requested would allow PJM to operate the Covered Units consistent with PJM’s Governing Agreements and Good Utility Practice and beyond their Operating Limits in order to maintain the reliability of the power grid in the PJM Region to meet the emergency and serve the public interest.

This request is tailored to allow only the Covered Units to exceed their Operating Limits as necessary, to ensure reliability during the limited timeframe and because of the anticipated system conditions described in this application.

PJM does not lightly request this authorization. It understands the importance of the Operating Limits that are at issue. However, authorizing the Covered Units to operate, notwithstanding their Operating Limits, under these reliability-based conditions will address what otherwise would be emergency conditions that threaten the provision of reliable electric service to the residents and businesses in the greater PJM Region.

### **Additional Commitments**

In support of this application, PJM makes the following additional commitments:

#### ***Public Notifications***

PJM will take reasonable measures to notify the following that the Department has issued to PJM an emergency order: (1) relevant state officials in PJM’s region, and (2) PJM’s Members. At a minimum, PJM will post and share a description of the order on its website (with a link to the order) and identify the name, municipality or other political subdivision where generating units dispatched under the requested order are located by posting Exhibit A.

### ***Reporting Notifications***

PJM will provide a specific notification to the Department by email to [AskCR@hq.doe.gov](mailto:AskCR@hq.doe.gov) reporting if generating units have been dispatched and operated in reliance on the emergency order.

PJM is also prepared to provide any additional information the Department may request through necessary collaboration with generation resource owners. PJM will promptly respond to any requests from the Department for additional information.

### ***Coordination with Generation Owners***

PJM has communicated its intention to seek this emergency authorization to the generation owners. The unit appearing on Exhibit A to this application does not oppose the relief PJM is requesting herein, and any units added to the Exhibit A will not be in opposition to the requested relief. At PJM's direction, impacted generation owners will operate these units to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with an emergency order issued by the Secretary, any federal, state, or local environmental law or regulation, such action or omission shall not be considered a violation of such environmental law or regulation in accordance with and subject to FPA, section 202(c) (2), (3) and (4), and the terms of the Department order requested herein.

### **Conclusion**

PJM appreciates the Department's expedited consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## Exhibit A

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<b>RESOURCE NAME</b>	<b>FUEL TYPE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NAMEPLATE (approximate)</b>	<b>RESTRICTION/CONSTRAINT</b>
<b>Hazelton CT 2, 3 &amp; 4 and NUG (Vistra)</b>	<b>Dual – Natural Gas/Fuel Oil</b>	<b>Hazleton, PA 18201</b>	<b>145 MW</b>	<b>NOx – hourly limit</b>

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\*Bold units reflect new additions in this version