April 12, 2018

Re: Artificial Island Transmission Project

Dear Mr. Messer:

Thank you for your letter dated March 12, 2018 expressing concerns regarding the implementation of the Artificial Island transmission project. Your questions founded on the potential uncertainty at the Artificial Island site are valid and I understand the importance to the Delaware Energy Users Group of better understanding the potential impacts.

I can say with a degree of certainty that the retirement of one or more plants at the Artificial Island site would impact the scope of the transmission project. However, at this time absent announced retirements of either Salem or Hope Creek the project assumptions remain intact. I agree that the analysis proposed by your letter is analysis that PJM should undertake to determine impact to reliability should a plant announce retirement and subsequently impact the Artificial Island project. The process for plant retirements requires lead time for such analysis to take place and it would be at this stage of the process that PJM would recommend a course of action for the Board’s consideration.

I take your concerns seriously and do understand the interests of your group. I have asked my Vice President of State and Member Services, Denise Foster, and her team to reach out to you to ensure the communication channels remain open with your group.

Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew L. Ott

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