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Dear Mr. Baine,

Thank you for your October 27, 2021 letter concerning the transition to new interconnection process reform rules once they are filed and accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). We very much appreciate Dominion Energy’s (Dominion) engagement in the Interconnection Process Reform Task Force (Task Force) where this issue is being discussed.

First, PJM believes that our queue reform efforts will continue to support and not hinder Dominion’s and the State of Virginia’s clean energy efforts. PJM has analyzed Dominion’s solar projects in Virginia and our analysis shows that approximately 4,800 MW of solar projects have completed the PJM study process and are either in-service or under various stages of engineering and construction. We are well-positioned to complete the studies and interconnection agreements to meet both Dominion’s 2024 goal of 3,000 MW and 2027 goal of an additional 3,000 MW based on our current backlog focus. Our ability to meet the 2030 goals and beyond will be based on FERC approved interconnection reforms and a transition mechanism.

We can understand Dominion’s desire to move forward with accepting applications for new projects swiftly given Dominion’s and the State of Virginia’s clean energy goals. As demonstrated by the numerous proposed transition mechanisms and the results of the Task Force polling on this issue, there are many ways in which to design a transition mechanism. PJM’s guiding principles in this reform effort are to meaningfully reduce the queue backlog while also ensuring a more efficient process to interconnect the ever-increasing number of new projects in a timelier manner going forward. The transition mechanism must balance those objectives. PJM believes that achieving this balance will benefit all stakeholders that participate in the interconnection process, including Dominion.

Again, I thank you for your correspondence, and we look forward to Dominion’s continued engagement in our stakeholder discussions on the transition mechanism and substantive interconnection process reforms.

Sincerely,

/s/ Manu Asthana

Manu Asthana
President and CEO, PJM Interconnection

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1 The transition mechanism polling results can be found at this URL: https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/task-forces/iprtf/2021/20211104/20211104-item-02-iprtf-transition-proposals-poll-results.ashx