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Dear Members of the PJM Board of Managers,

As Chairman of the Pennsylvania Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, my primary focus remains clear: ensuring that our homes, businesses, and critical industries have access to reliable, affordable power. Pennsylvania has long served as an energy cornerstone for the Mid-Atlantic exporting reliable, dispatchable power and maintaining the infrastructure required to keep the lights on across the region.

However, the challenges currently confronting the PJM Interconnection are unprecedented. Rapid load growth, driven in large part by the expansion of data centers, is colliding with shrinking reserve margins and regulatory constraints, including capacity price caps urged by policymakers concerned with immediate affordability. Addressing these complex issues demands the unified focus and intellectual energy of PJM leadership, state commissioners, PJM stakeholders, FERC and governors. At this critical juncture, allowing ourselves to be derailed by governance disputes would be unfortunate for the 67 million people who depend on PJM.

I was deeply concerned to hear at the recent PJM Members Committee meeting that the PJM community risks becoming bogged down in litigation surrounding the allocation of Section 205 filing rights. While the allocation of 205 rights in PJM is important, the growing divide between PJM members and state representatives threatens to tie up vital resources in costly and distracting legal battles.

This is the last distraction PJM needs right now. As former FERC Chairman Joseph Kelliher recently articulated, any effort to compel PJM to make Federal Power Act Section 205 filings on behalf of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI) runs counter to the fundamental structure of the Federal Power Act. Section 205 rights belong to public utilities. Diverting time and capital into litigating an unworkable governance mandate will not build a single megawatt of capacity.

Pennsylvania is ready, willing, and able to support the generation growth necessary to power our economic future. With over 200 gigawatts of capacity currently sitting in the queue (over 20% of which is in Pennsylvania), the bottleneck is not a lack of available projects—it is a lack of regulatory and market clarity from PJM and FERC.

While PJM governance is undeniably important, I understand there is already broad alignment on meaningful, pragmatic governance reforms. Material improvements to the Board Nominating Committee, the PJM Board structure, and the stakeholder process have achieved genuine consensus through negotiation and compromise. PJM should move forward with these widely supported changes immediately, rather than provoking prolonged litigation over governance disputes that will not lead to more generation in PJM.

I urge the Board to resolve what is broadly agreeable on governance and refocus PJM's full attention where it belongs: clearing the queue, integrating new large loads, restoring market price signals, getting power onto the grid and building the transmission to support it. We must not lose focus on what is important at this moment – building new generation so that affordable power can be available to all.

Sincerely,



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