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To the Transmission Owners within PJM:

We wish to reiterate our strong support for the dedicated people and companies on the front lines restoring electric service for those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

The impact of this storm was immense. At one time more than four million distribution customers within the PJM region were without power. Nationwide, last week’s storm caused outages three times greater than Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The national response also was immense and unprecedented. More than 60,000 workers have been in the field working around the clock to repair lines and substations. The coordination among companies and between service regions has been inspiring. We have seen dramatic improvement over the last several days -- despite the temporary setback from the northeaster on Wednesday -- and we know that thousands of electric utility professionals will continue working very hard until power is restored to every customer.

This industry has a long tradition of coordination among those entities that operate and control every level of the electric power system. Efforts like this restoration reinforce the value of cooperation.

Everyone at PJM remains focused on supporting our member companies. We share very important responsibilities to provide reliable electricity to 60 million Americans. We support your efforts to rebuild and strengthen our electric power infrastructure.

On behalf of PJM and its Board of Managers, thank you for your efforts and perseverance.

Sincerely,

Howard Schneider