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Dear Stakeholders:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 5, 2022 concerning the transition proposal to a new generation interconnection queue process. PJM values the suggestions raised in your letter and is pleased that your firms have been engaged in the topic.

A hallmark of the PJM stakeholder process is its ability to bring together diverse interests that may collaborate and compromise in the pursuit of developing reforms. Such compromise becomes especially important where a range of acceptable outcomes may exist. Thus, the stakeholder process can achieve balanced proposals that prove workable to the broadest set of stakeholder interests.

In this respect, the Board of Managers appreciates that stakeholders have devoted significant time to both reform the interconnection queue process, as well as to develop a plan that will transition toward this new process. Stakeholder efforts in this regard culminated at the April 27 PJM Members Committee, where Members voted overwhelmingly to endorse the reform and transition proposals. The overall package tallied a 4.51 out of a potential 5.0 sector weighted vote,¹ and PJM intends to file the endorsed package, along with recently endorsed amendments, with the FERC.

Upon implementing the endorsed transition plan, subject to FERC approval, we anticipate improved progress with studying projects that are presently in the queue. Such near-term improvements will allow queued projects to more quickly and reliably interconnect to the system than exists today. What's more, PJM is investing in the maintenance of its interconnection process going forward through the establishment of a standing interconnection process subcommittee where staff and stakeholders may identify challenges and evaluate potential solutions.

We appreciate the efforts of PJM's stakeholders to engage on these complex issues as PJM continues the transition to the grid of the future. We invite the continued participation and valuable insights of your firms moving forward.

Sincerely,

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¹ PJM MC Voting Report - Interconnection Reform Process Main Motion, April 28, 2022, <u>https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/committees/mc/2022/20220427/20220427-mc-voting-report-1-interconnection-reform-process-main-motion.ashx</u>