

Via Electronic Delivery

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Mr. Brandon Hill bill@rollingdoorsllc.com

Dear Mr. Hill,1

Thank you for your correspondence wherein you express concern with a proposal to develop new transmission lines in the vicinity of your home. We always appreciate and respect greatly the perspectives of consumers in our footprint.

As you may know, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) operates the regional power grid serving thirteen states and the District of Columbia, including the entirety of the state of Maryland. PJM is responsible for planning and operating the high-voltage bulk electric system and is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The projects you reference in your correspondence will be necessary to maintain system reliability. These projects were selected as part of PJM's Regional Transmission Expansion Plan Competitive Window 3 (2022 Window 3) and have been approved by FERC. PJM held public meetings of its Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee² to hear stakeholder feedback on project proposals for 2022 Window 3. It further engaged with numerous concerned citizens both at those public meetings and via individual discussions. Further, the PJM Board of Managers reviewed dozens of consumer correspondences prior to selecting the projects for 2022 Window 3.³

To note, PJM does not own or construct transmission lines, nor is PJM responsible for siting transmission infrastructure along particular routes or rights of way. PJM identifies needs and then solicits proposals through its FERC-approved process. After PJM selects particular projects pursuant to its FERC-approved process, it is the developer's role to seek siting approval, design and construction of the project. Ultimately, the Maryland Public Service Commission will decide on the specific route of the project.

We appreciate your correspondence and hope that it clarifies PJM's current role in the projects you referenced. Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Aftab Khan

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cc: PJM Board of Managers

¹ Please note that while this response is addressed to Mr. Hill, PJM will be referring similarly worded *ex parte* correspondences from interested parties to this response.

² Lengthy meetings of the Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee were held on October 31 and December 5 where PJM heard from many consumers and governmental officials.

³ See 2023 Letters Received Regarding Proposed Transmission Upgrades in Advance of the December 5, 2023, Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee Meeting.