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Mr. Manu Asthana
President and CEO
PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
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Dear Mr. Asthana:

The Maryland Public Service Commission appreciates the time and effort PJM staff has spent preparing *The Maryland Offshore Wind Informational Study Results* analysis report (“Study Results”). The analysis of three distinct scenarios has been helpful to the Commission in determining the best path forward towards meeting our statutory requirements in the Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act’s (“POWER Act”). After reviewing the Study Results and conferring with sister agencies, neighboring states, and PJM’s expert staff, the Commission believes that, of the three conceptual scenarios, “Scenario 1: Phased Delmarva” provides the most appropriate approach to pursue.

The Commission is now ready to proceed to the solicitation phase of the POWER Act, and formally requests PJM issue a competitive solicitation for proposals for open access offshore wind transmission facilities and complementary onshore transmission upgrades and expansions reflective of Scenario 1. Understanding that a State Agreement Approach Study Agreement (“SAA SA”) is a prerequisite for PJM to open the solicitation process, Commission Staff has been working with PJM staff on a draft SAA SA, with the goal of finalization in the coming weeks. It is also understood that given the rapidly changing energy landscape and inherent uncertainties, additional analysis may be necessary to support the competitive solicitation process.

We appreciate PJM’s willingness to continue our collaboration and to assist Commission Staff in navigating this process and providing expert technical analysis and support as we move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frederick H. Hoover". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'F' and 'H'.

Frederick H. Hoover
Chair
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