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Mr. Fred Hoover, Chair  
Maryland Public Service Commission  
William Donald Schaeffer Tower  
6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Chair Hoover,

Thank you for your June 23, 2025 letter that informs PJM of the Maryland Public Service Commission's (MDPSC) decision to proceed to the solicitation phase of the Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act ("POWER Act") and requests PJM's assistance to begin the solicitation of competitive transmission proposal to advance this effort through the State Agreement Approach (SAA).

As you know, PJM staff has worked closely with the MDPSC, Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) and Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Power Plant Research Program (PPRP) for more than a year to explore potential injection alternatives and pathways that will help Maryland in its decision to pursue this important offshore wind initiative. PJM will continue to assist Maryland on this effort, and we look forward to building upon the insights in the recently provided informational study.

Our collaborative effort is proposed to continue as PJM and Maryland embark on the next step, which is to develop and execute an SAA Study Agreement. This Study Agreement will need to be approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Following FERC's approval, PJM will then pursue developing a competitive transmission solicitation effort to better define the additional steps forward. These activities may lead Maryland to determine that the execution of a specific transmission solution is warranted and may result in Maryland pursuing an offshore wind energy implementation strategy via the SAA.

It is my understanding that our PJM team has already engaged with Maryland staff to proceed with the above effort.

As always, we look forward to assisting Maryland in helping to advance its desired energy objectives.

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Sincerely,

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**MEA:** Director Paul Pinsky  
**Maryland DNR PPRP:** Director Bob Sadzinski