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Via Electronic Mail

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Dear Interested Stakeholders,

Thank you for your recent correspondence to the PJM Board of Managers (PJM Board) regarding PJM's proposed transmission solutions to the 2022 Regional Transmission Expansion Plan Competitive Window 3 (2022 Window 3). The PJM Board reviewed the comments received. We appreciate the time you took to share your personal stories and concerns around the projects. The PJM Board deliberated on the 2022 Window 3 proposed solutions, and it has approved the projects <u>PJM staff recommended</u> as reviewed at the Oct. 31 and Dec. 5 Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee (TEAC) meetings.

As PJM has shared throughout the TEAC meetings, and explained more fully in a set of <u>FAQs</u> posted on PJM.com, PJM's role in transmission planning is driven by regional needs and benefits. Its transmission analysis is guided by national and regional standards as well as criteria developed by PJM.

When needs are identified, PJM opens competitive planning "windows" so that transmission owners and other developers can submit solutions they've designed. If a solution is selected and approved by the PJM Board, it is the developer's role to seek siting approval, design and construct the project, and maintain the substations and transmission lines included in its proposal. It is during this process that the actual route will be determined, and there is rigor around the public process to ensure concerns like those you have raised can be vetted. In PJM, regional transmission costs are allocated according to PJM's Open Access Transmission Tariff provisions approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. These cost-allocation methodologies consider the system-wide overall benefits as well as benefits directly attributed to specific zones. The specific cost allocation for this set of projects can be found in the <u>TEAC Recommendations to the PJM Board</u>.

Thank you again for your comments and engagement in our process. PJM appreciates your continued participation throughout. The siting process will ensure a rigorous review of the actual route to minimize its impact while meeting the reliability needs of our transmission system.

Sincerely,

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CC: Manu Asthana, President & CEO PJM Board