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Via E-mail

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President Harold Gray
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
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Dear President Gray,

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 4th wherein the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI) expresses concerns regarding the recently posted Liaison Committee (LC) agenda. The PJM Board of Managers (PJM Board) appreciates the concerns outlined regarding forthcoming discussions between the PJM Board and the LC about the market monitoring function.

First, the PJM Board maintains that Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) in PJM serves a very critical federally-mandated function and will continue to do so. The PJM Board also deems the independence of the IMM to be of the utmost importance.

The LC is a meeting that is convened by PJM Members under the Liaison Committee Charter. An initial agenda is proposed by the LC and, while the PJM Board provides feedback on that proposed agenda, the final agenda is determined by the LC. This forthcoming agenda is not the first time the LC has discussed the IMM topic with the PJM Board, and we don't believe it will be the last time due to the criticality of the function.

It is appropriate for the PJM Board to *listen* to its Members in accordance with the processes and forums set forth by the Members. Indeed, PJM strives to listen to all of its stakeholders, including OPSI. The PJM Board values the opportunity to meet with OPSI in its three dedicated sessions annually to listen to OPSI's input on various issues, including the market monitoring function. Similarly, the PJM Board values listening to its Members regarding issues of importance to them, and believes both interactions to be appropriate under PJM's governing documents and of assistance in creating a more fulsome view of issues for the independent PJM Board.

At the same time, your comments regarding the OPSI Market Monitoring Advisory Committee (MMAC) are well-taken. We would encourage PJM Members to utilize the OPSI MMAC to have discussions with OPSI about the IMM. This way, OPSI and the Members can meaningfully engage each other on this critical function.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ake Almgren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ake Almgren
Chairman of the Board of Managers