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The PJM Board of Managers

Mark Takahashi, Chairman and

Manu Asthana, PJM President and CEO

PJM Interconnection L.L.C.

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RE: Opposition to Project 262 2024 Window 1 – (708) 765kV 261-mile transmission line

I am strongly opposed to Project 262 of the 2024 Window 1 projects. For the reasons set forth below, I urge the PJM Board of Managers **to reject** PJM 2024 Window 1 Project 262.

This project was not competitively bid or awarded. Incumbent utilities FirstEnergy, American Electric Power and Dominion made a joint proposal thwarting competition. The utilities did not have to compete with each other to propose a project that was cost effective for ratepayers and the project bid did not include any cost caps! Additionally, the project is under bid as it is based on Guyed V-lattice tower construction. Not only won't this work across most of the terrain, ***Guyed V-lattice towers are possibly the foulest, most land use restrictive, intensive and invasive electric infrastructure available!***

The Constructability and Financial Analysis of the project was not performed as required. The process for the analysis listed on **PJM RTEP 2024 Window 1 Constructability Analysis Pg.16**, required a review of land use mapping that identified residences within both 100 feet and 250 feet of the proposed line, along with identification of conservation easements, public land, and historic structures and districts ***in acres*** and the count as well as a Public Lands mapping review with types, acreage and counts (etc). ***PJM did not perform this analysis at all.*** The maps of the project indicate the project will be built on existing easements when ***PJM has stated that it will require a new easement 200' for its entire 261-mile length***.

The impacts of this proposal are being intentionally trivialized and glossed over. The **proposed route crosses 15 miles of private property and conservation easements in Western Loudoun County** that would be subject to eminent domain takings of 200' easements. ***Another @365 acres of private property to be taken to support data center expansion***. This impacts the same area in Western Loudoun County that is the target of the new 500kV transmission line that was approved by PJM’s Board of Managers in August of 2024 (Alternate MARL Re-Route) which is expected to take additional easements as well!

Project 262 (similarly to Alternate MARL Re-Route) will cross ***the Monongahela National Forest, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and it will run parallel down the view shed of the Potomac River and will destroy the scenic and historic value of these assets****.*

This will be a third transmission tower even bigger than the other two - a 500kV plus a 500kV with a 138kV underbuild plus a 765kV Guyed V-lattice structure beside it! This will have a devastating effect on property owners all along the route and will render thousands of acres of property worthless!

***< How this transmission line impacts you.>***

Project 262 ***was rated the most risky project*** for its In-Service Date of 2029 due to both schedule and constructability risks. ***Project 262 is NOT the only solution for transmission nor is transmission the only solution for the data center expansion / projected energy load in Loudoun County, Virginia.***

Once again, I urge the PJM Board of Managers **to reject** PJM 2024 Window 1 Project 262 .

Sincerely,

 ***<Your Name***

 ***Your Address***

 ***Your Phone Number***

 ***Your email >***