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Via email (AskCR@hq.doe.gov)

The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Re: Request for Extension of Existing Emergency Order 202-26-32 Issued Pursuant to Federal Power Act, Section 202(c)

Dear Secretary Wright:

In response to forecasts of continuing hot weather conditions and the threats that extended heat poses to the reliability of the interstate bulk power system in its region, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (“PJM”) respectfully requests that the Department of Energy (“Department”) extend its June 30, 2026 Order No. 202-26-32 issued pursuant to section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act. The order authorizes PJM to take measures to protect the reliability of the transmission grid during the protracted period of the hot weather event affecting the PJM region. For the following reasons, PJM requests that the Department extend the authority granted in the order through 11:59 P.M. EDT on Monday, July 6, 2026, because of the multi-day period of extreme high heat and forecast system load.

In recent days, PJM applied for an order allowing it to dispatch generation in excess of environmental restrictions to meet the spike in electricity demand brought on by the extended hot weather in the PJM region. In response, the Department issued Order No. 202-26-32 (the “Order”), authorizing PJM to dispatch generation assets that otherwise faced operating limitations.¹

In light of present and anticipated circumstances, the Department directed in Order 202-26-32, among other things, that “[i]n the event that PJM determines that generation from the Specified Resources is necessary to meet the electricity demand that PJM anticipates in its service territory, [the Secretary of Energy] direct[s] PJM to dispatch such unit or units and to order their operation only as needed to maintain reliability.”²

¹ Department of Energy, Order No. 202-26-32 (June 30, 2026).

² Order No. 202-26-32 at Ordering Paragraph A.

The authority the Department granted to PJM in the Order currently is set to expire at 11:59 P.M. EST on July 3, 2026.³ The Order further provides that extensions, should they be needed, “must be requested before this Order expires.”⁴

Because extreme hot temperatures are forecast to persist throughout PJM’s region through the July 4th holiday weekend, PJM respectfully requests that the Department extend the authority it granted to PJM in the Order until 11:59 P.M. EDT on July 6, 2026. PJM’s load forecasts indicate a projected demand of approximately 148,725 MW during the midday peak on Saturday, July 4 and a midday peak of 140,153 MW on Sunday, July 5. This extended period of hot weather has presented—and will continue to present—significant ongoing stress conditions. The extreme level of electricity demand PJM projects coupled with stresses on physical infrastructure, among other things, raises a significant risk of increasing unplanned/forced generator and transmission outages as the heat persists into the holiday weekend that may contribute to emergency conditions that could jeopardize electric reliability and public safety.

For all these reasons, PJM respectfully requests that the Department issue an Order extending the date of its prior Order as soon as reasonably possible. PJM requests that such Order extend the authority granted in Order No. 202-26-32 through July 6, 2026, at 11:59 P.M. EDT, to allow PJM to maintain the reliability of the bulk electric system in its region during this ongoing hot-weather event.

PJM appreciates your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff if you require any additional information to act on this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ Order No. 202-26-32 at Ordering Paragraph G.

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