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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 No. 202-26-33 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. 202-26-33 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 orders 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 two orders, Nos. 202-26-32 and 202-26-33, respectively authorizing PJM to dispatch generation assets that otherwise faced operating limitations<sup>1</sup> and, in collaboration with its Transmission Owners and Electric Distribution Companies, to direct backup generation resources to operate as a last resort before declaring an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) 3 (i.e., before firm load interruption) or during an EEA 3.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Energy, Order No. 202-26-32 (June 30, 2026). On July 2, 2026, PJM applied for and the Department issued an extension for Order 202-26-32 through 11:59 P.M. EDT on Monday, July 6, 2026.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Energy, Order No. 202-26-33 (June 30, 2026).

The Department directed in Order No. 202-26-33 that from “June 30, 2026, PJM, in collaboration with its Transmission Owners and Electric Distribution Companies, is authorized to direct backup generation resources (whether auxiliary, standby, directly-connected, battery storage or other, and whether synchronized or not to the bulk power system), to operate as a last resort before declaring an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) 3 (i.e., before firm load interruption) or during an EEA 3.”<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup> The Order further provides that an extension, should it be needed, “must be requested before this Order expires.”<sup>5</sup>

During the July 2 evening peak, PJM was close to having to trigger the backup generator emergency action, if certain system contingencies were to have arisen. Considering this activity and because extreme hot temperatures are forecast to persist throughout PJM’s region through the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend, PJM respectfully requests that the Department extend the authority it granted to PJM in the Order until 11:59 P.M. 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 stressed conditions. As the heat persists into the holiday weekend, the resulting 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 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. 202-26-33 through July 6, 2026, at 11:59 P.M., to allow PJM to maintain the reliability of the bulk electric system in its region during this ongoing hot-weather event.

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<sup>3</sup> Order No. 202-26-33 at Ordering Paragraph A.

<sup>4</sup> Order No. 202-26-33 at Ordering Paragraph J.

<sup>5</sup> Order No. 202-26-33 at Ordering Paragraph J.

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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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