

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 3, 2004

Honorable Patrick Wood III  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Mr. Chairman:

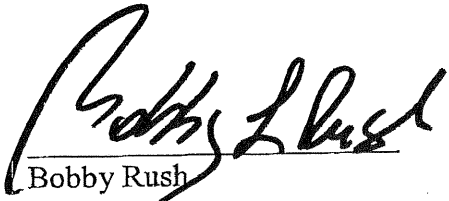
As Members of Congress representing millions of consumers of electricity in the Midwest, Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions, we are writing to express our support for your recent preliminary decision to move forward to require the integration of American Electric Power into the PJM Regional Transmission Organization (RTO).

These regions, and the Midwest region in particular, have suffered for too long with uncertainty associated with the formation of RTOs. As the events of the August 14 blackout have made all of us keenly aware, it is critical that we reduce the number of reliability hand-offs between, and in, the regions. In addition, AEP's integration into PJM will allow the long-awaited competitive wholesale market to finally take hold. These markets have demonstrated proven benefits to consumers in the PJM region as attested by a recent independent analysis which found over \$ 3 billion in customer savings in 2002 alone from the development of competitive wholesale markets in the mid-Atlantic. According to this analysis, this translated to a savings ranging from \$117 to \$222 for each residential household in the states currently served by PJM.

We look forward to being kept informed on your progress moving this docket to a final decision.

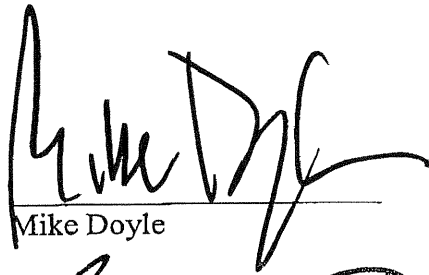
Sincerely,

  
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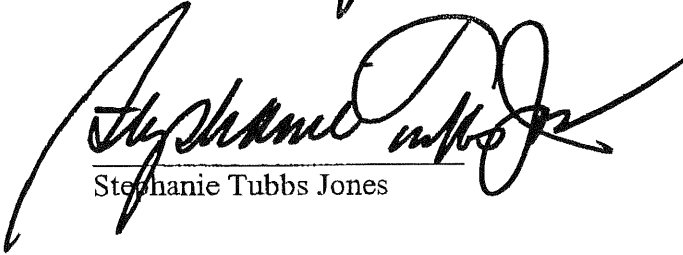
  
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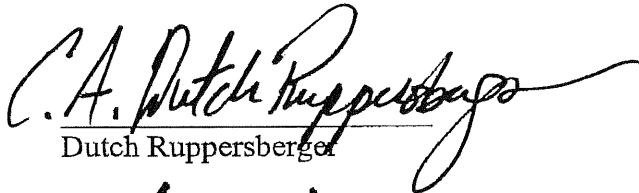
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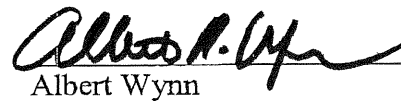
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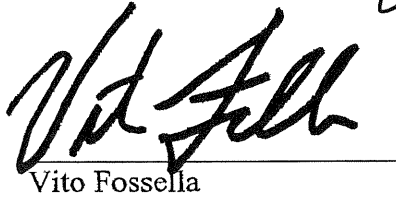
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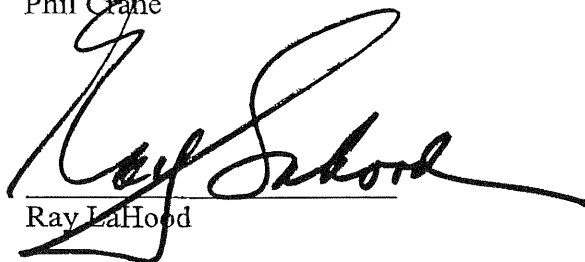
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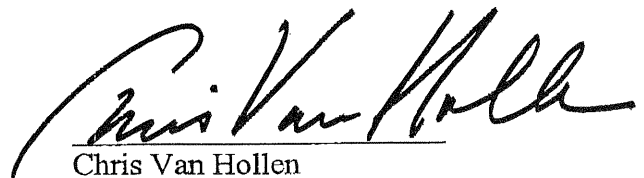
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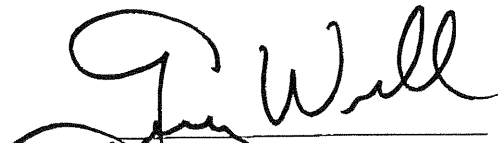
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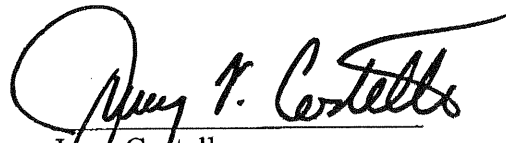


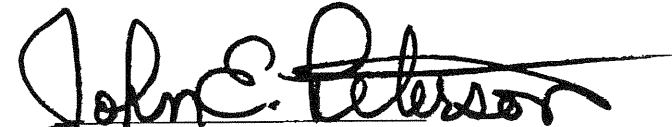
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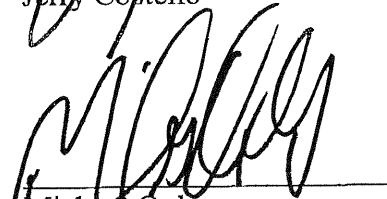



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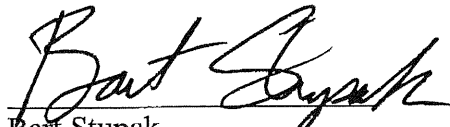
  
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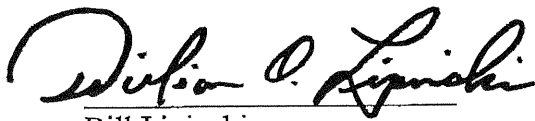
  
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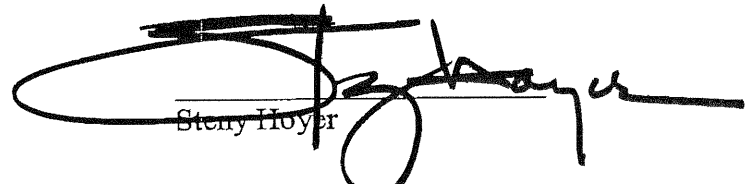
  
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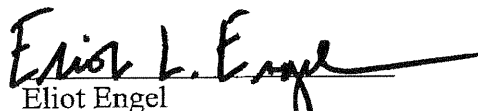
  
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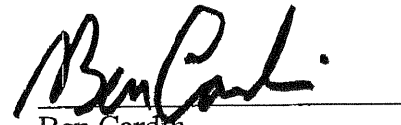
  
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