**Testimony of the PJM Power Providers Group**

**Before the Maryland Senate Finance Committee**

**Senate Bill 910 – Opposed**

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The PJM Power Providers Group (P3 ) is a non-profit organization made up of power providers whose mission it is to promote properly designed and well-functioning competitive wholesale electricity markets in the 13-state region and the District of Columbia served by PJM Interconnection. Combined, P3 members own more than 84,000 megawatts of generation assets in Maryland and PJM, produce enough power to supply over 20 million homes and employ over 40,000 people.[[1]](#footnote-1)

P3 supports competitive generation markets and believes that consumers benefit when generators compete to serve the needs of consumers. Consumers empowered by choice will drive innovation as they force the market place to respond to their preferences. P3 does not support efforts that mandate that consumers purchase energy from specific technologies.

Senate Bill 910, if enacted as currently written, would require the Public Service Commission to award contracts of 10-20 years for 50% of the state’s RPS requirements. Such a long-term commitment of ratepayer dollars erodes the competitive market and locks consumers into financial commitments (that are likely above market prices) for decades. While P3 does not believe that state policies that mandate certain forms of generation are in the long-term interest of consumers, if Maryland remains committed to consumer electricity mandates like RPS, it should require competitive procurements of all mandated resources on an annual basis. Anything less, would likely lead to higher costs to consumers.

 P3 urges the Committee to reject Senate Bill 910.

1. The comments contained in this filing represent the position of P3 as an organization, but not necessarily the views of any particular member with respect to any issue. For more information on P3, visit www.p3powergroup.com [↑](#footnote-ref-1)