

Support SB 0092
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Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable

SB 0092 – Electric Company Contracts, Capacity Market Models, and Regional Transmission Organizations - Studies

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee

My name is Bob Loube. I am a resident of Maryland legislative district 16. I am writing in support of SB0092 because it is necessary to offset the impacts that data centers would have on Maryland electricity rates by placing requirements on the owners of data centers. Maryland must take action because PJM will not. PJM will allow data centers to connect to the regional grid without preconditions. PJM will only suggest voluntary proposals that can be ignored by the owners of data centers. PJM has created a huge backlog of potential electricity supplies (221 GW of capacity)¹ by slow walking its inane study requirements.

SB 0092 will correct for some of PJM's mistakes because SB 0092 will require large load customers, that are for the most part data centers, to provide capacity for 25% of their load with either behind the meter storage, capacity purchase of new grid connected battery storage or new carbon-free generation in the Load Zone. These requirements will increase reliable capacity in Maryland and will reduce the need for new transmission lines.

I urge you to issue a favorable report on SB0092.

Thank you.

¹. "State of the Market Report for PJM, Volume 2: Detailed Analysis. Available at the [2024 State of the Market Report for PJM](#).