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OPSI Resolution # 2020-03 Honoring Judge Mark C. Christie

WHEREAS, Judge Mark C. Christie was elected to the Virginia State Corporation Commission by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004 and was re-elected in 2010 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Judge Christie was elected and served as President in 2007 of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI); and

WHEREAS, as President, he led OPSI in litigation to protect the independence of the PJM market monitor; and

WHEREAS, Judge Christie served on the OPSI Board for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Judge Christie served as the first Chair of the OPSI Market Monitoring Committee established by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to provide advice to the Commission, Market Monitoring Unit (MMU), PJM Board and PJM stakeholders regarding any matter concerning the MMU, market monitor, or the Market Monitoring Plan; and

WHEREAS, he was elected and served as President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Commissioners in 2009-10; and

WHEREAS, Judge Christie becomes the first OPSI Board member appointed as a FERC commissioner; and

WHEREAS, he teaches regulatory law as an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Christie was educated in the public schools of Welch, West Virginia, and at Wake Forest University, where he earned *Phi Beta Kappa* honors while receiving degrees in History and English; he received his law degree from Georgetown; and he served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Judge Christie began his career as an attorney in private practice; and

WHEREAS, from 1996 to 1998 he served as Chief Legal Counsel and Director of Policy for Governor George Allen; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Virginia Board of Education from 1997 to 2003, including serving as President of the Board in 2002-2003.

NOW, therefore be it resolved, the OPSI Board of Directors, Commissioners and Staff congratulate Judge Mark C. Christie, on his tenure at the Virginia State Corporation Commission and OPSI and offer heartfelt thanks for his years of public service, defense of an independent market monitor, and leadership at OPSI and wish Judge Christie the very best in his new responsibilities as a FERC commissioner.¹

¹ *Approved unanimously on December 17, 2020, and adopted by OPSI's Board of Directors: Commissioner Harold B. Gray (Delaware PSC); Commissioner Willie L. Phillips (PSC of District of Columbia); Commissioner D. Ethan Kimbrel (Illinois CC); Commissioner David Ober (Indiana URC); Vice Chairman Kent A. Chandler (Kentucky PSC); Commissioner Michael T. Richard (Maryland PSC); Commissioner Tremaine L. Phillips (Michigan PSC); President Joseph Fiordaliso (New Jersey BPU); Chair Charlotte Mitchell (North Carolina UC); Commissioner M. Beth Trombold (PUC of Ohio); Vice Chairman David W. Sweet (Pennsylvania PUC); Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard (Tennessee RA) Chairman Judith Williams Jagdmann (Virginia SCC); Chairman Charlotte R. Lane (PSC of West Virginia)*