



## Manu Asthana

### President and CEO

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Manu Asthana is the president, chief executive officer and a member of the Board of Managers of PJM Interconnection, which oversees the largest power grid in North America and one of the largest electricity markets in the world. He is responsible for the reliable operations, competitive markets and transmission planning for the organization serving 65 million people in 13 states and the District of Columbia.

Asthana joined PJM in January 2020. Under his leadership, PJM has implemented significant risk management reforms and established a clear path for defining the grid operator's role in the energy transition to a cleaner, more efficient grid while maintaining reliable electric service.

Asthana has extensive leadership experience across the electricity industry, including the areas of electricity and natural gas trading, power generation, competitive retail electricity, grid operations and risk management.

Asthana earned a Bachelor of Science in economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Benjamin Franklin Scholar and a Joseph Wharton Scholar. He serves as a member of the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council. Additionally, he is a member of the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council, a trustee at Texas Children's Hospital and a member of the board at The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia.

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[PJM Interconnection](#), founded in 1927, ensures the reliability of the high-voltage electric power system serving 65 million people in all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. PJM coordinates and directs the operation of the region's transmission grid, which includes over 85,103 miles of transmission lines; administers a competitive wholesale electricity market; and plans regional transmission expansion improvements to maintain grid reliability and relieve congestion. PJM's regional grid and market operations produce annual savings of \$3.2 billion to \$4 billion.

