



PJM Interconnection’s governance, day-to-day operations, and interactions with its members are outlined in a group of governing documents. These documents help ensure the reliability of the bulk electric system and effective administration of the region’s wholesale power markets by defining the roles, responsibilities, authorities, and obligations of PJM and its membership.

PJM, because of the special role it plays in the operation of the power grid, occasionally is mistaken for a regulatory agency. But it is not a regulator. Like many electric utilities, PJM is actually a **regulated** company. Its activities, like those of other regional grid operators, are overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and any changes to its governing documents require FERC approval.

PJM’s governing documents are the **Open Access Transmission Tariff**, the **Operating Agreement**, the **Reliability Assurance Agreement** and the **Consolidated Transmission Owners Agreement**. They define the roles, responsibilities, authorities and obligations of PJM and its members.

A series of PJM Manuals details the operating, planning, accounting and administrative procedures that PJM and its members follow. The manuals provide the road map that guides PJM in carrying out the mission and functions established in the governing documents.

Open Access Transmission Tariff

The Tariff includes the provisions for transmission service within the region. PJM and its transmission-owning members, as required by the Tariff, must provide market participants with open, nondiscriminatory access to the region’s high-voltage transmission system to allow for fair and competitive wholesale electricity markets.

Operating Agreement

To become a member of PJM, an organization must sign the Operating Agreement. It establishes how PJM operates as a regional transmission organization, as well as defines the roles and responsibilities of the PJM Board of Managers and the Members Committee. It also establishes the Office of the Interconnection, which carries out the provisions of the governing documents in managing PJM’s operations, markets and planning.

Reliability Assurance Agreement

The Reliability Assurance Agreement establishes the obligations and standards for maintaining the reliable operation of the electric grid in the PJM territory and must be signed by every Load Serving Entity in the PJM region. Load Serving Entities, or LSEs, are the organizations that deliver electricity to end-use customers. The agreement establishes terms for the procurement of adequate capacity resources, assistance during emergencies and planning for the future needs of the system.

PJM’s Governing Documents

- The **Open Access Transmission Tariff** mandates nondiscriminatory access to the region’s high-voltage transmission system.
- The **Operating Agreement** establishes how PJM operates as a regional transmission organization.
- The **Reliability Assurance Agreement** establishes the obligations and standards for maintaining the reliable operation of the electric grid.
- The **Consolidated Transmission Owners Agreement** provides for the coordinated planning and operation of the high-voltage transmission system.





Consolidated Transmission Owners Agreement

This agreement is signed by the transmission-owning members of PJM. The agreement defines the obligations and standards for the coordinated planning and operation of high-voltage transmission assets in the PJM region, transfers certain planning and operating responsibilities to PJM, and helps to facilitate regional transmission service, as outlined in the PJM Tariff.

PJM Manuals

The PJM Manuals are the instructions, rules, procedures and guidelines established by PJM for the operation, planning and accounting requirements of PJM and its markets. PJM staff administers the manuals and routinely seeks stakeholders' endorsement of proposed changes. Manual 34, which covers the stakeholder process, includes a schedule for reviewing and updating the manuals, although the staff conducts out-of-cycle updates as needed.

Online Access

PJM has developed [web-based versions](#) of the governing documents, which are easy to access and search (see image below). The [PJM Manuals](#) also are available on PJM's website.

Governing Documents

PJM has agreements with stakeholders to ensure the reliability of the electric power grid. The agreements are with members, independent system operators, regional transmission organizations, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Amendments accepted or pending by FERC can be found on the [Effective Documents](#) page.

 OATT Open Access Transmission Tariff <p>The tariff is the overall document that governs the operations of PJM. It includes the provisions governing transmission service within the PJM region. The tariff and revisions to it and the other governing documents are subject to acceptance by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the agency that regulates PJM and the other regional grid organizations.</p> <p>WEB PDF</p>	 OA Operating Agreement <p>The Operating Agreement must be signed by all organizations wishing to become a member of PJM. It contains provisions that establish how PJM operates as a regional transmission organization. It defines the roles and responsibilities of the PJM Board of Managers, the Members Committee and the Office of the Interconnection (PJM management and staff.).</p> <p>WEB PDF</p>	 RAA Reliability Assurance Agreement <p>The Reliability Assurance Agreement, signed by all the organizations in PJM that sell electricity to end-use customers, establishes obligations and standards for maintaining the reliable operation of the electric grid. It includes provisions that deal with ensuring adequate capacity resources, providing assistance during emergencies and planning for the future needs of the system.</p> <p>WEB PDF</p>
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