



PJM Interconnection's day-to-day operations and interactions with its members are outlined in a series of governing documents that establish and define the roles, responsibilities, authorities and obligations of PJM and its members. These documents are the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff, the Operating Agreement, the Reliability Assurance Agreement and the Transmission Owners Agreement.

PJM's governing documents ensure the reliability of the electric power grid. The PJM manuals support these agreements and contain the operating, planning, accounting and administrative procedures that PJM and its members follow to carry out its mission.

The **PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff** is the document that governs the overall operations of PJM. The tariff 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.

The **Operating Agreement** must be signed by organizations to become members 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, which carries out the provisions of the governing documents in managing PJM's operations, markets and planning.

The **Reliability Assurance Agreement** is signed by all the load-serving entities in the PJM region and establishes obligations and standards for maintaining the reliable operation of the electric grid in the PJM territory. Load-serving entities, or LSEs, are the organizations that sell electricity to end-use customers. The agreement includes provisions that deal with ensuring adequate capacity resources, providing assistance during emergencies and planning for the future needs of the system.

Another document, the **Transmission Owners Agreement**, is signed by the transmission-owning members of PJM, those members that own transmission facilities or lease them with rights that are equivalent to ownership. The agreement provides for the coordinated planning and operation of transmission assets in the PJM region, transfers some planning and operating responsibilities to PJM and establishes regional transmission service as provided for in the PJM tariff.

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