PJM Interconnection has five different categories of membership. The membership criteria are outlined in the PJM Operating Agreement, which governs the operation of the electric system in the PJM region.

The five PJM membership categories are:

**Full members** can participate in the competitive wholesale electricity market and vote in the Members Committee in one of the five sectors: Transmission Owner, Generation Owner, Electric Distributor, End-Use Customer and Other Supplier.

**Ex officio regulatory members** represent federal and state agencies with regulatory authority over a member; they do not have voting rights on the Members Committee.

**Ex officio state office of consumer advocate representatives** have voting rights on the Members Committee as part of the End-Use Customer sector.

**Emergency Customer Load Reduction Program special members** are granted special membership for purposes of participating in the Emergency Customer Load Reduction Program. They do not have voting rights on the Members Committee.

**Associate Members** have special membership status and do not participate in PJM’s markets. They do not have voting rights in any stakeholder activities, committees or task forces.

Prospective PJM members are required to:

- Meet the definition and qualify for one of the five Members Committee sectors, as described in the Operating Agreement;
- Submit the necessary documents and application and membership fees;
- Share in the costs of PJM’s operations;
- Comply with any orders needed to deal with emergency conditions on the grid;
- Plan and operate their facilities in cooperation with other PJM members to assure reliability;
- Participate in the Regional Transmission Expansion Planning process.

PJM provides information on its website to help prospective members join PJM.

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