

7.1 Auctions of Financial Transmission Rights.

Annual, periodic and long-term auctions to allow Market Participants to acquire or sell Financial Transmission Rights shall be conducted by the Office of the Interconnection in accordance with the provisions of this Section. PJMSettlement shall be the Counterparty to the purchases and sales of Financial Transmission Rights arising from such auctions; provided however, that PJMSettlement shall not be a contracting party to any subsequent bilateral transfer of Financial Transmission Rights between Market Participants. The conversion of an Auction Revenue Right to a Financial Transmission Right pursuant to this section 7 shall not constitute a purchase or sale transaction to which PJMSettlement is a contracting party.

7.1.1 Auction Period and Scope of Auctions.

(a) The periods covered by auctions shall be: (1) the one-year period beginning the month after the final round of an annual auction; (2) any single calendar month period remaining in the Planning Period that is within the three, or less, month period immediately following the month that the monthly auction is conducted; (3) any Planning Period Quarter remaining in the Planning Period following the month that the monthly auction is conducted **that does not overlap three available month periods**; and (4) the Planning Period Balance. In addition to the period defined in (2) of this subsection, only one of the periods defined in (3) or (4) of this subsection will be included in the monthly auction clearing until the Office of the Interconnection determines that both of the periods defined in (3) and (4) can be solved simultaneously in the same monthly auction process within the timeframe specified in [Operating Agreement, Schedule 1, s](#)Section 7.3.7. With the exception of FTRs allocated pursuant to [Operating Agreement, Schedule 1, section 5.2.2 \(e\)](#)~~-of this Schedule~~ and the Financial Transmission Rights awarded as a result of the exercise of the conversion option pursuant to [Operating Agreement, Schedule 1, section 7.1.1\(b\)](#)~~-of this Schedule~~, in the annual auction, the Office of the Interconnection, on behalf of PJMSettlement, shall offer for sale the entire Financial Transmission Rights capability for the year in four rounds with 25 percent of the capability offered in each round. In the monthly auction, the Office of the Interconnection, on behalf of PJMSettlement, shall offer for sale in the auction any remaining Financial Transmission Rights capability for the months remaining in the Planning Period after taking into account all of the Financial Transmission Rights already outstanding at the time of the auction. In addition, any holder of a Financial Transmission Right for the period covered by an auction may offer such Financial Transmission Right for sale in such auction. On-Peak, off-peak and 24-hour FTRs will be offered in the annual and monthly auctions. FTRs will be offered as Financial Transmission Right Obligations and Financial Transmission Right Options, provided that such Financial Transmission Right Obligations and Financial Transmission Right Options shall be awarded based only on the residual system capability that remains after the allocation of Financial Transmission Rights pursuant to [Operating Agreement, Schedule 1, section 5.2.2\(e\)](#) and the award of Financial Transmission Rights pursuant to [Operating Agreement, Schedule 1, section 7.1.1\(b\)](#)~~-of this Schedule~~. Market Participants may bid for and acquire any number of Financial Transmission Rights, provided that all Financial Transmission Rights awarded are simultaneously feasible with each other and with all Financial Transmission Rights outstanding at the time of the auction and not sold into the auction. An ARR holder may self-schedule an FTR on the same path in the Annual FTR auction according to the rules described in the PJM Manuals.

(b) An Auction Revenue Rights holder may convert Auction Revenue Rights to Financial Transmission Rights, and such conversion shall not be considered a purchase or sale of Financial Transmission Rights in the auction. Such Financial Transmission Rights must (i) have the same source and sink points as the Auction Revenue Rights; (ii) be a 24-hour product; and (iii) be Financial Transmission Right Obligations. The Auction Revenue Rights holder must inform the Office of the Interconnection in accordance with the procedures established by the Office of the Interconnection that it intends to exercise the conversion option prior to close of round one of the annual Financial Transmission Rights auction. Once the conversion option is exercised, it will remain in effect for the entire Financial Transmission Rights auction. The Office of the Interconnection will designate twenty-five percent of the megawatt amount of the Auction Revenue Rights to be converted as price-taker bids in each of the four rounds of the Financial Transmission Rights auction.

An Auction Revenue Rights holder that converts its Auction Revenue Rights may not designate a price bid for its converted Financial Transmission Rights and will receive a price equal to the clearing price set by other bids in the annual Financial Transmission Right auction. To the extent a market participant seeks to obtain FTRs in the annual auction through such conversion, the FTRs sought will not be included in the calculation of such market participant's credit requirement for such annual FTR auction.

7.1.2 Frequency and Time of Auctions.

Subject to [Operating Agreement, Schedule 1](#), section 7.1.1 ~~of this Schedule~~, annual Financial Transmission Rights auctions shall offer the entire FTR capability of the PJM system in four rounds with 25 percent of the capability offered in each round. All four rounds of the annual Financial Transmission Rights auction shall occur within the two-month period (April – May) preceding the start of the PJM Planning Period. Each round shall occur over five Business Days and shall be conducted sequentially. Each round shall begin with the bid and offer period. The bid and offer period for annual Financial Transmission Rights auctions shall be open for three consecutive Business Days, opening the first day at 12:00 midnight (Eastern Prevailing Time) and closing the third day at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time). Monthly Financial Transmission Rights auctions shall be held each month. The bid and offer period for monthly Financial Transmission Rights auctions shall be open for three consecutive Business Days in the month preceding the first month for which Financial Transmission Rights are being auctioned, opening the first day at 12:00 midnight (Eastern Prevailing Time) and closing the third day at 5:00 ~~p.m.~~PM (Eastern Prevailing Time).

7.1.3 Duration of Financial Transmission Rights.

Each Financial Transmission Right acquired in a Financial Transmission Rights auction shall entitle the holder to credits of Transmission Congestion Charges for the period that was specified in the corresponding auction.