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; and (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, section 7.3.7. With the exception of FTRs allocated pursuant to Operating Agreement, Schedule 1, section 5.2.2 (e) 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), 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). 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, 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. (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 Day-ahead Energy Market Transmission Congestion Charges for the period that was specified in the corresponding auction.
7.1A Long-Term Financial Transmission Rights Auctions.

7.1A.1 Auctions.

(i) Subsequent to each annual Financial Transmission Rights auction conducted pursuant to Operating Agreement, Schedule 1, section 7.1, the Office of the Interconnection shall conduct a long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction for the three consecutive Planning Periods immediately subsequent to the Planning Period during which the long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction is conducted. PJMSettlement shall be the Counterparty to the purchases and sales of Financial Transmission Rights arising from such long-term Financial Transmission Rights auctions, provided however, that PJMSettlement shall not be a contracting party to any subsequent bilateral transfers 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.

(ii) The capacity offered for sale in long-term Financial Transmission Rights auctions shall be the residual system capability after the annual Auction Revenue Rights allocations and the annual Financial Transmission Rights auction. In determining the residual capability the Office of the Interconnection shall assume that all Auction Revenue Rights allocated in the immediately prior annual Auction Revenue Rights allocation process, including Auction Revenue Rights made available in which transmission facilities which were modeled out of service in the annual Auction Revenue Rights allocations return to service, are self-scheduled into Financial Transmission Rights, which shall be modeled as fixed injections and withdrawals in the long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction. Additionally, residual annual Auction Revenue Rights that become available through incremental capability created by future transmission upgrades as further described in the PJM Manuals shall be modeled as fixed injections and withdrawals in the long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction. The long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction model shall include all upgrades planned to be placed into service on or before June 30th of the first Planning Period within the three year period covered by the auction. The transmission upgrades to be modeled for this purpose shall only include those upgrades that, individually, or together, have 10% or more impact on the transmission congestion on an individual constraint or constraints with congestion of $5 million or more affecting a common congestion path. Transmission upgrades modeled for this purpose also will be modeled in the subsequent long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction, as further detailed in the PJM Manuals. Residual Auction Revenue Rights created by an increase in transmission capability due to future transmission upgrades, as specified above, are determined only for modeling purposes and will not be allocated to Market Participants.

7.1A.2 Frequency and Timing.

The long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction process shall consist of three-five rounds. The first round shall be conducted by the Office of the Interconnection approximately 11 months prior to the start of the three Planning Period term covered by the relevant long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction. The second round shall be conducted approximately 23 months
7.1A.3 Products.

(i) The periods covered by long-term Financial Transmission Rights auctions shall be any single Planning Period within the three Planning Period term covered by the relevant auction.

(ii) On-peak, off-peak and 24-hour Financial Transmission Right Obligations, shall be offered in long-term Financial Transmission Rights auctions; Financial Transmission Rights options shall not be offered.

7.1A.4 Participation Eligibility.

(i) To participate in long-term Financial Transmission Rights auctions an entity shall be a PJM Member or a PJM Transmission Customer. Eligible entities may submit bids or offers in long-term Financial Transmission Rights auctions, provided they own Financial Transmission Rights offered for sale.

7.1A.5 Specified Receipt and Delivery Points.

The Office of the Interconnection will post a list of available receipt and delivery points for each long-term Financial Transmission Rights auction. Eligible receipt and delivery points in long-
term Financial Transmission Rights auctions shall be limited to the posted available hubs, Zones, aggregates, generators, and Interface Pricing Points.
7.2 Financial Transmission Rights Characteristics.

7.2.1 Reconfiguration of Financial Transmission Rights.

Through an appropriate linear programming model, the Office of the Interconnection shall reconfigure the Financial Transmission Rights offered or otherwise available for sale in any auction to maximize the value to the bidders of the Financial Transmission Rights sold, provided that any Financial Transmission Rights acquired at auction shall be simultaneously feasible in combination with those Financial Transmission Rights outstanding at the time of the auction and not sold in the auction. The linear programming model shall, while respecting transmission constraints and the maximum MW quantities of the bids and offers, select the set of simultaneously feasible Financial Transmission Rights with the highest net total auction value as determined by the bids of buyers and taking into account the reservation prices of the sellers.

7.2.2 Specified Receipt and Delivery Points.

The Office of the Interconnection will post the list of available receipt and delivery points for each Financial Transmission Rights Auction before the start of the bidding window. Auction bids for annual Financial Transmission Rights Obligations may specify as receipt and delivery points any combination of available hubs, Zones, aggregates, generators, and Interface Pricing Points. Auction bids for annual Financial Transmission Rights Options may specify as receipt and delivery points any combination of available hubs, Zones, aggregates, generators, and Interface Pricing Points as the Office of the Interconnection shall allow from time to time as set forth in PJM Manual 06: Financial Transmission Rights. Auction bids for Financial Transmission Rights submitted in the monthly auctions may specify as receipt and delivery points any combination of available hubs, Zones, aggregates, generators, and Interface Pricing Points for bids that cover any month beyond the next month, including bids that cover Planning Period Quarters or the Planning Period Balance. Auction bids for Financial Transmission Rights submitted in the monthly auctions that cover the single calendar month period immediately following the month in which the monthly auction is conducted may specify any combination of available receipt and delivery buses represented in the State Estimator model for which the Office of the Interconnection calculates and posts Locational Marginal Prices. Auction bids may specify available receipt and delivery points from locations outside of the PJM Region to locations inside such region, from locations within the PJM Region to locations outside such region, or to and from locations within the PJM Region.

7.2.3 Transmission Congestion Charges.

Financial Transmission Rights shall entitle holders thereof to credits only for Day-ahead Energy Market Transmission Congestion Charges, and shall not confer a right to credits for payments arising from or relating to transmission congestion made to any entity other than PJMSettlement.