

Membership & Market Participation Requirements for Generation Interconnection Process

In order for a resource to participate in any PJM Market (i.e. receive settlements for participation), it must be modeled in the account or subaccount of a full, active PJM Member authorized as a Market Participant in the applicable PJM Market. There are three ways that an Interconnection Customer (IC) can qualify to participate in PJM Markets:

1. The IC remains a non-member and engages with an Agent who is a PJM Member to act as the Market Participant for the resource (unit is modeled for participation in the Agent's account).
2. The IC is already an active PJM Member and chooses to be the Market Participant for the resource or chooses an Agent, who is also an active PJM Member, to be the Market Participant (unit is modeled for participation in either the Member or Agent's account).
3. The IC becomes a PJM Member to be the Market Participant for the resource (unit is modeled in the IC's account after the IC has been approved for membership).

If the IC is choosing option 3, the entity must meet all the applicable requirements per 11.6 of PJM's Operating Agreement (OA) and Attachment Q of the PJM Tariff. These requirements include that an entity must be established and prepared to show that they can provide the appropriate data and documentation such as intended market activity, financial information, entity structure, etc. Additionally, if the IC is choosing option 3, it is highly recommended that they begin the PJM Membership process as soon as possible. As per section 11.6 of PJM's OA the membership review and approval process can take up to 90 days from the time all required paperwork and documentation has been signed and received by PJM. If additional documentation is needed during the review process, the timeline will be extended. If the IC's member application is not approved in time to allow for the resource to be modeled in the appropriate account, there is no mechanism for PJM to pay the IC for the energy generated.

Existing Members should remember that if they have not been active in a particular market within the last year or they are changing how they participate in the markets, they may need to submit a Market Participation application for existing Members via the Maintenance feature in the [Membership Management Community](#). Processing and review of the Market Participation application can take up to 90 days from the time all required paperwork and documentation has been signed and received by PJM. If additional documentation is needed during the review process, the timeline will be extended. If the Market Participation application is not approved in time to allow for the resource to be modeled in the appropriate account, there is no mechanism for PJM to pay the Member for the energy generated.

If the IC chooses to engage with an Agent, a Declaration of Authority (DOA) document will be established. The PJM Operating Agreement (<https://www.pjm.com/directory/merged-tariffs/oa.pdf>) outlines the rights and responsibilities of PJM Members. Section 11 of the agreement also describes the requirements a party must meet to qualify for Membership. Completing the Membership Enrollment Form (<https://pjm.com/about-pjm/member-services/membership-enrollment.aspx>) is the first step for companies seeking to become a member of PJM.

- The Membership Enrollment page at the following link also provides information regarding the fees in need of remittance with your company's membership enrollment package: <https://pjm.com/about-pjm/member-services/membership-enrollment.aspx>.
- PJM Settlement, Inc. has a credit policy that applies to all new applicants, Members, Market Participants and transmission service customers who use services or participate in the PJM markets. The policy may be viewed in Attachment Q of the PJM Tariff (<https://agreements.pjm.com/oatt/4955>).
- The Overview of the PJM Credit Policy and Credit Requirements (<http://pjm.com/~media/documents/agreements/pjm-credit-overview.ashx>) provides a summary of the policy and related procedures.

Once the Membership Enrollment form is completed and submitted, a PJM Member Liaison will contact you to guide you through the membership process.

Please review the Membership Application Checklist (<https://pjm.com/~media/about-pjm/member-services/membership-application-checklist.ashx?la=en>) to preview the information that will be required during the membership application process, if applying as a full Member.

If you have any questions related to membership, please email membershipforms@pjm.com.