

## Surety Bond Compliance Filing Revisions

### Tariff, Attachment Q, section V.

#### D. Surety Bond

An unconditional, irrevocable surety bond can be utilized to meet the Collateral requirement for Participants. As stated below, the form, substance, and provider of the surety bond must all be acceptable to PJM.

- (i) An acceptable surety bond must be payable immediately upon demand without prior demonstration of the validity of the demand. The surety bond will only be accepted from a U.S. Treasury-listed approved surety that has either (i) a minimum corporate debt rating of “A” by Standard & Poor’s or Fitch Ratings, or “A2” from Moody’s Investors Service, or an equivalent short term rating from one of these agencies, or (ii) a minimum insurer rating of “A” by A.M. Best. PJMSettlement will consider the lowest applicable rating to be the rating of the surety. If the rating of a surety providing a surety bond is lowered below A/A2 by any rating agency, then PJMSettlement may require the Participant to provide a surety bond from another surety that is rated A/A2 or better, or to provide another form of Collateral.
- (ii) The surety bond shall have an initial period of at least one year, and shall state that it shall renew automatically for successive one-year periods, until terminated upon at least ninety (90) days prior written notice from the issuing surety. If PJM receives notice from the issuing surety that the current surety bond is being cancelled, the Participant will be required to provide evidence, acceptable to PJM, that such surety bond will be replaced with appropriate Collateral, effective as of the cancellation date of the surety bond, no later than thirty (30) days before the cancellation date of the surety bond, and no later than ninety (90) days after the notice of cancellation. Failure to do so will constitute a default under this Attachment Q and one of more of the Agreements enabling PJM to immediately demand payment of the full value of the surety bond.
- (iii) PJM will post on its web site an acceptable standard form of a surety bond that should be utilized by a Participant choosing to submit a surety bond to establish credit at PJM. The acceptable standard form of surety bond will include non-negotiable provisions, including but not be limited to, a payment on demand feature, requirement that the bond be construed pursuant to Pennsylvania law, making the surety’s obligation to pay out on the bond absolute and unconditional irrespective of the principal’s (Market Participant’s) bankruptcy, terms of any other agreements, investigation of the Market Participant by any entity or governmental authority, or PJM first attempting to collect payment from the Market Participant, and will require, among other things, that (a) the surety waive *all* rights that would be available to a principal or surety under the law, including

but not limited to any right to investigate or verify any matter related to a demand for payment, rights to set-off amounts due by PJM to the Market Participant, and all counterclaims, (b) the surety expressly waive *all* of its and the principal's defenses, including illegality, fraud in the inducement, reliance on statements or representations of PJM and every other typically available defense; (c) the language of the bond that is determinative of the surety's obligation, and not the underlying agreement or arrangement between the principal and the obligee; (d) the bond shall not be conditioned on PJM first resorting to any other means of security or collateral, or pursuing any other remedies it may have; and (e) the surety acknowledge the continuing nature of its obligations in the event of termination or nonrenewal of the surety bond to make clear the surety remains liable for any obligations that arose before the effective date of its notice of cancellation of the surety bond. If the surety bond varies in any way from the standard format, it must first be reviewed and approved by PJM. PJM shall not accept any surety bond that varies in any material way from the standard format.

- (iv) All costs associated with obtaining and maintaining a surety bond and meeting the Attachment Q provisions are the responsibility of the Participant.
- (v) PJM shall not accept surety bonds with an aggregate value greater than \$10 million dollars (\$10,000,000) issued by any individual surety on behalf of any individual Participant.
- (vi) PJM shall not accept surety bonds with an aggregate value greater than \$50 million dollars (\$50,000,000) issued by any individual surety.