Under PJM's organic documents, general principles of corporate law and the FERC's regulations, those serving on the Board of Managers ("Board") of PJM Interconnection are accountable for maintaining PJM's independence, its fulfillment of its contractual obligations and its compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements. The Board must exercise reasonable due diligence, good faith and care in the management of PJM's affairs while bringing to bear independent, honest and unbiased business judgment. Accordingly, the Board will avoid self dealing and conflict of interests and accord PJM's interests priority over other interests, connections and affiliations. In addition, the Board shall ensure that PJM performs its duties and responsibilities in a manner consistent with the creation and operation of a robust, competitive and non-discriminatory electric power market in the PJM Control Area so that no Market Participants will have undue influence over the operation of PJM. In furtherance of these objectives, PJM has adopted certain Standards of Conduct under FERC's Order No. 889, attached hereto. Each Board Member shall sign a statement attesting that he or she has read, and shall comply with, such standards.

Subject to very limited exceptions, a Board Member, a Board Member's spouse and any dependent children may not stand to financially benefit from a transaction with any PJM member or market participant. An exception may be sought where such Board Member (or spouse or dependent child) stands to receive a financial benefit in the form of a commission or other compensation arising from products or services the Board Member (or spouse or dependent child) may provide to a PJM Member or market participant provided, all of the following shall apply:

1. The product or service for which such financial benefit is derived must be unrelated to the Member or Market Participant's business in the U.S. electric utility industry, including business with PJM or any activities involving PJM or its subsidiaries;
2. Prior notice and explanation of circumstances is given to PJM's CEO and the chair of PJM's Regulatory Oversight Compliance Committee ("ROCC") before receipt of any financial benefit; and
3. Prior approval is received from the ROCC, which may be conditioned as the ROCC may deem appropriate, including conditions calling for the Board Member’s recusal from voting or deliberating on any matter or decision affecting any PJM Member or market participant from whom the Board Member directly or indirectly stands to receive the financial benefit. The chair of the ROCC shall provide the decision of the ROCC to the Governance Committee of the Board for review and approval.

In these limited circumstances, when the above conditions are met, such financial benefit may be accepted, but, in all cases, the affected Board Member will be bound to consider and confirm that the financial benefit neither influences nor compromises the independence of decision making by the Board Member.

In addition, each Board Member will use reasonable due diligence to stay informed about PJM's business affairs and activities and to exercise oversight with respect thereto. To this end, all Board Members will participate, either in person or, where permitted, by telephone conferencing, in all properly noticed
meetings or will properly document in the minutes of relevant meetings any valid reason for nonparticipation. Each Board Member will register dissent when in disagreement with an action of the Board and will ensure that such dissent is made a matter of record in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

Communications with the Board or any Board Member (except with the President in the normal course of business) by any employee, officer, agent or representative of a Member or of any Market Participant with respect to any matter that is before the Board or is reasonably likely to come before the Board, shall only be conducted through the procedures set forth below:

1. Any written "ex parte" communication shall promptly be disclosed in writing to the full Board and to all Members;

2. Verbal communication that takes place during and around the course of a public meeting, open to all Members, on topics reflected in the agenda of such meeting shall not be considered "ex parte" communication. Verbal communication of potentially “ex parte” matters in a non-public setting (e.g., a private meeting hosted by an individual Member or subset of Members) shall be avoided. Should such communication occur, the Board Member(s) involved shall disclose the circumstances to PJM’s General Counsel who will determine, in consultation with such Board Member(s) and the Chairman of the Board, if a description of such non-public, verbal discussions requires disclosure to the full Board and to all Members as “ex parte” communication;

3. Any “ex parte” communication to the Board raising issues that require referral, or have already been referred, to a governmental investigation or enforcement agency, including the FERC Office of Enforcement or PJM’s Market Monitoring Unit (MMU), will not be disclosed publicly. Such determinations will be made by PJM’s General Counsel, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board.