

## **RTO/ISO Fee Provisions for Public Interest Organizations**

### **PJM**

**Normal Membership Fee:** \$5000

**Possible Exception for PIO:** An entity that is not a Transmission Owner, Generation Owner, Other Supplier, Electric Distributor, or an End-Use Customer, may qualify as an Associate Member. Associate Members pay one half of the annual membership fee (\$2500), and the application fee is waived.

Associate members may participate in stakeholder process activities, but may not vote.

**Applicable Tariff Section:** Operating Agreement, sections 11.6 and 11.7

### **ISO-NE**

**Normal Membership Fee:** \$5000 for most Members

**Possible Exception for PIO:** Each End User Participant which is a Small End User or an End User Organization shall pay an annual fee of \$500.

End User Participant is a Participant which is (a) a consumer of electricity in the New England Control Area that generates or purchases electricity primarily for its own consumption, (b) a non-profit group representing such consumers, (c) a Government Entity, or (d) a Related Person of another End User Participant and which (i) is licensed as a competitive supplier under the statutes and regulations of the state in which the End User Participant which is its Related Person is located and (ii) participates in the New England Market solely to serve the load of the End User which is its Related Person.

**Applicable Tariff Section:** NEPOOL Agreement §§ 1.22, 3.1(c)

### **MISO**

**Normal Membership Fee:** \$15,000 initial fee + \$1,000 annual fee

**Possible Exception for PIO:** Non-member stakeholder groups (*i.e.* the Public Consumer Advocates, State Regulatory Authorities, and Environmental Advocates of the Advisory Committee) do not pay MISO membership fees and/or annual dues and do not vote on matters pertaining to MISO's Board of Directors:

The entities comprising the environmental and other stakeholder group on the Advisory Committee are not members of MISO; rather, they are representatives of stakeholder groups serving on the Advisory Committee, which have been chosen by recognized environmental and other stakeholder organizations having an interest in the activities of MISO. The entities comprising this special interest group have been granted voting rights in MISO's stakeholder process.

The entities comprising the state regulatory authorities on the Advisory Committee are not members of MISO; rather, they are (i) representatives of state regulatory authorities serving on the Advisory Committee, which have been chosen by entities that regulate the retail electric or distribution rates of the Owners who are signatories to the Transmission Owners Agreement or (ii) representatives of public consumer groups serving on the Advisory Committee, which have been chosen by recognized consumer organizations having an interest in the activities of MISO. The entities comprising this special interest group have been granted voting rights in MISO's stakeholder process.

The entities comprising the public consumer groups on the Advisory Committee are not members of MISO; rather, they are (i) representatives of state regulatory authorities serving on the Advisory Committee, which have been chosen by entities that regulate the retail electric or distribution rates of the Owners who are signatories to the Transmission Owners Agreement or (ii) representatives of public consumer groups serving on the Advisory Committee, which have been chosen by recognized consumer organizations having an interest in the activities of MISO. The entities comprising this special interest group have been granted voting rights in MISO's stakeholder process.

**Applicable Tariff Sections:** TO Agreement, Article 6

### **NYISO**

**Normal Membership Fee:** \$5,000 annually

**Possible Exception for PIO:** \$100 annual membership fee for non-profit organizations representing Environmental Parties and Small Consumers ("Non-market Participants"); and Members participating in the "Non-Voting Entity" category.

Non-Market Participants also may become Parties to this Agreement and participate in the governance of the ISO. The ISO Board shall permit the following types of organizations or groups to participate in the governance of the ISO as Non-Market Participants:

- (a) Organizations that represent Small Consumers, including governmental agencies, with experience in electric utility regulatory or electricity-related matters in New York State, that in whole or in part advocate on behalf of Small Consumers in New York State, and governmental agencies that act as retail Load aggregators

primarily for Small Consumers; provided that no such organization or agency may be an Affiliate of a Transmission Owner, a Generator, Other Supplier, Public Power Party or Environmental Party, regardless of where located.

(b) Environmental organizations that are non-profit corporations, partnerships, associations or other non-profit entities having the primary purpose of protecting the environment, with experience in electric utility regulatory or electricity-related matters in New York State; provided that no such entity may be an Affiliate of a Transmission Owner, Generator Owner, Other Supplier or Public Power Party, regardless of where located. An organization meeting the foregoing requirements shall not be excluded from the definition of an Environmental Party if it also has a purpose of promoting energy conservation or the generation of electricity from renewable resources.

The ISO Board shall certify that a Non-Market Participant organization or agency is eligible to be a Party to the ISO Agreement and participate in the ISO's governance.

**Applicable Tariff Section:** ISO Agreement § 2.02