13 Financial Transmission and Auction Revenue Rights

In an LMP market, the lowest cost generation is dispatched to meet the load, but when there are transmission constraints, load pays the high local price for all generation, including the low cost generation serving part of that load. The low cost generation receives payment only for its low local price and does not receive the payment made by load for the output of the low cost generation at the high local price. The result is that load pays the correct local price but pays too much in total for energy because it is paying more for the low cost generation than the low cost generation receives. Load pays the difference between the high local price and the low local price of the low cost generation. That payment is appropriately not made to the low cost generation which is paid its LMP. In an LMP market, load pays more than generation receives. FTRs are the mechanism for returning those excess payments to load. But the current FTR mechanism in PJM does not and cannot return all the excess payments to load. The FTR mechanism in PJM needs a significant redesign in order to achieve that objective. The FTR mechanism has become unduly complicated and has deviated significantly from its original purpose. Return of all the excess payments to load would result in a perfect hedge against congestion. The current FTR mechanism has significantly attenuated the value of the FTR/ARR design as a hedge against congestion for load.

The FTR mechanism should be a simple accounting method for assigning congestion rights to load. But PJM has added increasingly complex rules and regularly intervenes in the FTR mechanism as the PJM FTR design has moved further and further from these economic fundamentals. Some market participants have profited in various ways from these design flaws and those market participants now strongly defend the current design in the PJM stakeholder process and at FERC. The customers who ultimately pay congestion are generally not aware of the current, flawed FTR design and do not understand the extent to which the current design fails to offset their congestion payments compared to a fundamentally correct FTR design that would return congestion to load.

When the lowest cost generation is remote from load centers, the physical transmission system permits that lowest cost generation to be delivered to load, subject to transmission limits. This was true prior to the introduction of LMP markets and continues to be true in LMP markets.

After the introduction of LMP markets in PJM, financial transmission rights (FTRs) were introduced, effective April 1, 1999, for the real-time market and June 1, 2000, for the combined day-ahead and real-time (balancing) markets. FTRs permitted the loads, which pay for the transmission system, to continue to receive the economic benefits of access to either local or remote low cost generation by returning congestion to the load.[1] FTRs and the associated congestion revenues were directly provided to load in recognition of the fact that, as a result of LMP, load was required to pay more for low cost generation than is paid to low cost generation. But there was a flaw built in from the very beginning of the PJM FTR design that had no significant impact initially but which was ultimately the source of all the issues with the FTR mechanism. That flaw was the idea that congestion was based on contract paths in a network system rather than a result of the actual operation of the complex network. Prior to the introduction of LMP markets, payment for the delivery of low cost generation to load was based both on intrazonal generation and intrazonal transmission, both under cost of service rates, and on contracts with specific remote generation outside the local zone and the associated point to point transmission contracts. Most load was served by intrazonal generation. In both cases, customers paid for the physical rights associated with the transmission system used to provide for the delivery of low cost generation to load. There was no congestion revenue because customers paid only the actual cost of the low cost generation. The flawed idea that congestion is based on contract paths was inconsistent with the most basic logic of LMP and the resultant fissure has continued to widen. FTRs were a core part of the LMP design. FTRs ensured that the introduction of locational marginal pricing would not result in overpayments by load. The origin of FTRs was the recognition that the way to hold load harmless from making the excess payments created by the LMP system was to return the excess payments to load. The rights to congestion belong to load. If implemented

1 See 81 FERC ¶ 61,257 at 62,241 (1997).

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correctly, FTRs would be the financial equivalent of firm transmission service for load. If implemented correctly, FTRs would be a perfect hedge against congestion for load. The result of the current FTR mechanism is a significant reduction in the value of FTRs as a hedge for load. The current FTR mechanism results in significant wealth transfers from the load that pays congestion to traders of FTRs and traders of virtuals. The current FTR mechanism results in uneven and arbitrary differences in the share of congestion returned to load, depending on location and PJM's assignment of ARRs.

The notion that FTRs exist in order to provide a hedge for generation is a fallacy. In an LMP system, the basic incentive structure for generation derives from the fact that generation is paid the LMP at the generator bus. If generation were to be guaranteed a price at a distant constrained load bus rather than at the generation bus, there would be no incentive for generation to locate where it is needed on the system. In addition, the payment of the price at the generator bus is fundamental to the logic of locational marginal pricing which produces local prices equal to the marginal value of generation at every point. There is no logical or theoretical basis in locational marginal pricing for the assertion that generation at low price nodes is underpaid and should be paid more from congestion dollars. Generation does not pay congestion. Some generation receives a price lower than the system marginal price (SMP) and some generation receives a price greater than SMP, but that does not mean that generation is paying congestion. It means that generation is being paid an LMP that is higher or lower than the system load-weighted average LMP. If a generating unit wants a hedge, it may enter into an arm's length transaction with a willing counter party as a hedge. That is the way hedges work in markets. That is not the purpose of FTRs.

In an LMP system, the only way to ensure that load receives the benefits associated with the use of the transmission system to deliver low cost energy is to use FTRs, or an equivalent mechanism, to pay back to load the difference between the total load payments and the total generation revenues. FTRs are a core theoretical part of the LMP design and were included in the PJM market design to offset the congestion costs that load pays in an LMP market. Congestion revenues are the source of the funds to pay FTRs. Congestion revenues should be assigned to the load that paid them through FTRs.[2] The only way to ensure that load receives the benefits associated with the use of the transmission system to deliver low cost energy is to ensure that all congestion revenues are returned to load or, more precisely, that the rights to all congestion revenues are assigned to load. In order to do that, congestion payments must be defined correctly based on the way that power actually flows in the PJM network and not based on arbitrary contract paths.

Effective April 1, 1999, when FTRs were introduced with the LMP market, there was a real-time market but no day-ahead market, and FTRs returned real-time congestion revenue to load. Effective June 1, 2000, the day-ahead market was introduced and FTRs returned total congestion including day-ahead and real-time (balancing) congestion to load.[3] Congestion is the sum of day-ahead and balancing congestion. Effective June 1, 2003, PJM replaced the direct allocation of FTRs to load with an allocation of Auction Revenue Rights (ARRs). Under the ARR design, the load still owns the rights to congestion revenue, but the ARR design allows load to either claim the FTRs directly (through a process called self scheduling), or to sell the rights to congestion revenue in the FTR auction in exchange for a revenue stream based on the auction clearing prices of the FTRs. Under the ARR design, the right to all congestion revenues should belong to load and load should have the ability to retain or sell the congestion revenue rights on terms that load defines and accepts. The actual ARR implementation produces a very different result and fails to assign all congestion revenue rights to load.

ARRs were an add on concept, defined based on a misunderstanding of FTRs, which had its roots in the assignment of congestion to load using contract paths (generation to load paths) rather than on the calculation of congestion actually paid. Contract paths are a fiction in a network. ARRs used assumed contract paths to assign congestion to load. The use of contract paths for ARRs was a more critical mistake than using contract paths for FTRs because contract paths did not, do not, and cannot account for all congestion. The use of contract paths led to the mistaken conclusion that there was some excess congestion that did not belong to load and could be sold to FTR buyers. The

2 See *id.* at 62, 259–62,260 & n. 123.

3 PJM refers to the combination of the day-ahead and real-time (balancing) markets as a two settlement system.

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ARR concept, as it is currently implemented, does not allow the FTR sellers, load, to establish a price at which they are willing to sell, but forces load to accept whatever prices buyers are willing to pay. The revenue from the sale of congestion rights is not even paid in full to ARR holders. Sellers are required to return some of the cleared auction revenue to FTR buyers when FTR payments are less than target allocations. So called surplus revenue is paid to FTR holders to ensure payment, despite the fact that willing FTR buyers paid the revenues in the auction for the rights to an uncertain level of congestion.

The use of generation to load contract paths, rather than the direct calculation of congestion, led to an increased divergence between FTR target allocations on the generation to load contract paths and actual total congestion. This divergence between actual network use and historic contract paths was exacerbated as new zones were added with their own historic generation to load contract paths and as significant numbers of generating units retired and new units were added.[4] Rather than understanding that the divergence resulted from the fact that a contract path based approach did not correctly calculate congestion in a network system, especially as the system grew significantly, the issue was characterized as the existence of excess capacity on the transmission system. But congestion was never about capacity on the transmission system. Prior to the introduction of ARRs, the so called excess congestion that exceeded the congestion on the defined contract paths was returned to load, regardless of its source. There is no such thing as excess congestion. Congestion is congestion. In a well designed LMP/FTR system, all congestion is returned to load, neither more nor less. The overlay of ARRs on the FTR concept did not change the fundamental logic of congestion, but permitted the introduction of a system in which the divergence was formally created between the amount of congestion paid by load and the amount of congestion returned to load. Congestion belongs to the load, by definition. The introduction of ARRs based on the contract path fiction undermined the assignment of all congestion rights to load.

FTR revenue adequacy, like surplus congestion revenue, is a misnomer. FTR revenue adequacy, as defined in PJM rules, is an artifact of the flawed design of the current approach to FTR/ARRs. If FTRs only returned congestion to FTR holders, there could be no such thing as revenue inadequacy. As currently defined in PJM, FTR revenue adequacy simply compares day-ahead congestion revenues to FTR target allocations. (Target allocations are the day-ahead CLMP differences, shadow prices, between the source and sink of the FTR times the MW of the FTR.) There is no reason to expect congestion revenues to equal FTR target allocations under the path based approach. There are systematic differences between FTR target allocations and actual congestion in aggregate and on a path by path basis. Revenue adequacy is not a benchmark for how well the FTR process is working. Target allocations are not congestion. FTR revenue adequacy is not equivalent to the adequacy of ARRs as an offset for load against total congestion. A path specific target allocation is not a guarantee of payment. Yet PJM treats target allocations as a guarantee of payment and takes what is termed surplus auction revenue from ARR holders (load) and gives it to FTR holders when day-ahead congestion revenues are not enough to cover all FTR target allocations.

The contract path fiction is also the source of the incorrect definition of the product that is bought and sold as FTRs, the available supply of the product and the price paid to the buyers of the product. The FTR product is defined as the difference in congestion prices in the day-ahead market only, across specific transmission contract paths (the shadow price), multiplied by the FTR MW position on those paths. That is the definition of FTR target allocation. The difference in congestion prices across contract paths is not congestion and is not equal to congestion revenues when multiplied by the FTR MW position. The MW quantity of the product made available for sale in the FTR auctions is defined as system capability, meaning the capacity of the transmission system to deliver power. But system capability is not actual market flows and system capability is not congestion and system capability is not the difference in congestion prices across transmission contract paths nor the potential for such difference. Congestion is defined as the difference in congestion prices across a path multiplied by the market flow on that path, recognizing both day-ahead and balancing market results. That is the measure of the amount load pays in

4 For a comprehensive report on capacity retirements and capacity additions in PJM, see: "2020 PJM Generation Capacity and Funding Sources: 2007/2008 through 2021/2022," (September 15, 2020) available at <http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2020/Constraint_Based_Congestion_Calculations_20200722.pdf>.

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excess of what generation receives. The definition of ARRs based on contract paths led to the mistaken idea that some transmission system capacity was used by ARRs but some was not and that both the ARR capability and the excess capability was available for sale as FTRs. This fundamental confusion in the design of the market is the source of so called revenue shortfalls, of the redesign of the market to exclude balancing congestion, and of the need for PJM to intervene in the market. PJM has had to regularly intervene in the market because the market as designed cannot reach equilibrium based on the economic fundamentals. The product, the quantity of the product, and the price of the product are all incorrectly defined.

The ARR/FTR design does not serve as an efficient mechanism for returning congestion to load as a result of an FTR design that was flawed from its introduction and as a result of various distortions added to the design since its introduction. The distortions include the definition of target allocations based on day-ahead price differences only, the fact that ARR holders cannot set the sale price for the congestion revenue rights they own, the return of market revenues to FTR buyers when profit targets are not met, the failure to assign all FTR auction revenues to ARR holders, the differences between modeled and actual system capability, the definition and allocation of surplus, and the numerous cross subsidies among participants. The fundamental distortion was the assignment of the rights to congestion revenue based on specific generation to load transmission contract paths. This approach retained the contract path based view of how load is served that is fundamentally inconsistent with the way load is actually served in a network system and therefore inconsistent with the role of FTRs in a nodal, network system with locational marginal pricing.

For the 2025/2026 planning period, ARRs and self scheduled FTRs offset only 55.7 percent of total congestion. The cumulative offset of congestion by ARRs and self scheduled FTRs for the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period, using the rules effective for each planning period, was only 65.7 percent. Only 65.7 percent of congestion revenue was returned to load over this period. Load was underpaid by $2.2 billion in the 2025/2026 planning period, an increase from the $0.9 billion underpayment in the 2024/2025 planning period. This is the largest underpayment that load has experienced in a single planning period. Load was underpaid by $7.1 billion from the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period.

The overall underassignment of congestion to load includes dramatically different results by zone. Load in some zones receives congestion revenues well in excess of the congestion they pay while the reverse is true for other zones.

If the original PJM FTR approach had been designed to return congestion revenues to load without use of the generation to load contract paths, and if the distortions subsequently introduced into the FTR design had not been added, many of the subsequent issues with the FTR design and complex redesigns would have been avoided. PJM would not have had to repeatedly intervene in the functioning of the FTR system in an effort to meet the artificial and incorrectly defined goal of revenue adequacy. The design should simply have provided for the return of all congestion revenues to load. The design should have also provided for the ability of load to sell the rights to congestion revenue. That sale could be organized as an FTR auction with the product and the price clearly defined. Now is a good time to address the issues of the FTR design and to return the design to its original purpose. This would eliminate much of the complexity associated with ARRs and FTRs and eliminate unnecessary controversy about the appropriate recipients of congestion revenues.

The *2026 Quarterly State of the Market Report for PJM: January through June* focuses on the 2025/2026 planning period as well as the 2025/2028 Long Term auction, the 2025/2026 Annual FTR auction and the 2025/2026 ARR allocation, specifically covering June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) analyzed measures of market structure, participant conduct and market performance, including market size, concentration, offer behavior, and price. The MMU concludes that the PJM FTR auction market results were partially competitive in the first six months of 2026. [5]

5 The MMU identified missing and erroneous distribution factors and shadow prices, primarily within the pricing run. The calculation of generator sensitivity factors requires accurate distribution factors and shadow prices. Where available, the MMU used distribution factors

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Table 13-1 The FTR/ARR markets results were partially competitive

Market Element	Evaluation	Market Design
Market Structure	Competitive	
Participant Behavior	Partially Competitive	
Market Performance	Partially Competitive	Flawed

- Market structure was evaluated as competitive. The ownership of FTR obligations is unconcentrated for the individual years of the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction, the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction and each period of the Monthly Balance of Planning Period Auctions for prevailing flow FTRs. The ownership of FTR obligations is unconcentrated or moderately concentrated for each period of the Monthly Balance of Planning Period Auctions for counter flow FTRs. The ownership of FTR options is moderately or highly concentrated for every Monthly FTR Auction period and unconcentrated for the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction. Ownership of current FTRs is disproportionately (89.2 percent) by financial participants. The ownership of ARRs is unconcentrated.
- Participant behavior was evaluated as partially competitive because ARR holders who are the sellers of FTRs have no option to set an acceptable sale price and are not permitted to participate in the market clearing in any way and are not assured they will receive 100 percent of auction revenues.
- Market performance was evaluated as partially competitive because of the significant and persistent flaws in the market design. Sellers, the ARR holders, cannot set a sale price. Buyers can reclaim some of their purchase price after the market clears if the product does not meet a profitability target. The market resulted in a substantial shortfall in congestion payments to load and significant and unsupportable disparities among zones in the share of congestion returned to load. FTR purchases by financial entities remain persistently profitable in part as a result of the flaws in the market design.
- Market design was evaluated as flawed because there are significant, fundamental and persistent flaws in the basic ARR/FTR design. The FTR auction market is not actually a market because the sellers have no independent role in the process. ARR holders cannot determine the price at which they are willing to sell rights to congestion revenue. Buyers have the ability to reclaim some of the price paid for FTRs after the market clears and, as a result, sellers are not assured they will receive 100 percent of auction revenues. The market design is not an efficient or effective way to ensure that the rights to all congestion revenues are assigned to load. The product sold to FTR buyers is incorrectly defined as target allocations rather than a share of congestion revenue. ARR holders' rights to congestion revenues are not correctly defined because the contract path based assignment of congestion rights is inadequate and incorrect. The ongoing PJM subjective intervention in the FTR market that affects market fundamentals is also an issue and a symptom of the fundamental flaws in the design. The product, the quantity of the product and the price of the product are all incorrectly defined.
- The fact that load is not able to define its willingness to sell FTRs or to set the prices at which it is willing to sell FTRs and the fact that load is required to return some of the cleared auction revenue to FTR buyers when FTR profits are deemed to be not adequate, means that the FTR design does not actually function as a market and is evidence of basic flaws in the market design.

from the dispatch run. The MMU also calculated missing shadow prices for the relevant transmission constraints when feasible. This approach reduced the impact of the errors to 0.2 percent of all FTR target allocations within the affected month. Figures and Tables that are affected by this error are indicated with a footnote.

Overview

Auction Revenue Rights

Market Design

- **ARR Target Allocations.** The value of ARRs is defined by the nodal price differences from the Annual FTR Auction and Monthly FTR Auctions, times the MW of the ARR. ARR target allocations are the minimum value of an ARR. If any ARRs are deficient at the end of the planning period, deficient ARR holders will receive an uplift payment that will charged to FTR holders. If FTRs are fully funded at the end of the planning period, ARR holders will receive all surplus congestion revenues, proportional to ARR target allocations.

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Market Structure

- **ARR Ownership.** In the 2026/2027 planning period, ARRs were allocated to 1,626 individual participants, held by 131 parent companies, up from 1,560 individual parents, held by 130 parent companies in the 2025/2026 planning period. ARR ownership for the 2026/2027 planning period was unconcentrated with an HHI of 590, down from 600 for the 2025/2026 planning period.

Market Behavior

- **Self Scheduled FTRs.** For the 2026/2027 planning period, 26.5 percent of eligible ARRs were self scheduled as FTRs, up from 25.9 percent for the 2025/2026 planning period.

Market Performance

- **ARRs as an Offset to Congestion.** ARRs have not served as an effective mechanism to return all congestion revenues to load. For the 2025/2026 planning period, ARRs and self scheduled FTRs offset only 55.7 percent of total congestion. Congestion payments by load in some zones were more than offset and congestion payments in other zones were less than offset. Load has been underpaid congestion revenues by $7.1 billion from the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period. The cumulative offset for that period was only 65.7 percent of total congestion. If ARR holders had self scheduled all of their allocated ARRs as FTRs for the 2025/2026 planning period, the self scheduled FTR target allocations would have increased the offset from 55.7 percent to 83.6 percent of total congestion.
- **ARR Payments.** For the 2025/2026 planning period, the ARR target allocations, which are defined by the nodal price differences from the Annual FTR Auction and Monthly FTR Auctions times the MW of the ARR, were $1,885.5 million, while PJM collected $2,158.1 million from the combined Long Term, Annual and Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions. For the 2024/2025 planning period, the ARR target allocations were $1,448.1 million while PJM collected $1,664.9 million from the combined Long Term, Annual and Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions.
- **ARR Revenue.** For the 2025/2026 planning period there was enough total day-ahead congestion to pay FTR target allocations. However, as a result of the monthly settlement logic for FTRs and ARRs, $117.7 million of FTR auction revenue over ARR target allocations was transferred from ARR holders (load) to FTR holders in individual months. In the 2024/2025 planning period all $196.2 million of FTR auction revenue over ARR target allocations was transferred from ARR holders to FTR holders. Although PJM refers to this as a surplus, there is no such thing as surplus FTR Auction revenue based on market logic. FTR Auction revenue results from the market prices paid by willing FTR buyers, should be paid to ARR holders, and should not be returned to FTR buyers for any reason.
- **Residual ARRs.** Residual ARRs are only available on contract paths prorated in Stage 1 of the annual ARR allocation, are only effective for single, whole months and cannot be self scheduled. Residual ARR clearing prices are based on monthly FTR auction clearing prices. Residual ARRs with negative target allocations are not allocated to participants. Instead, they are removed and the model is rerun.

  In the 2025/2026 planning period, PJM allocated a total of 27,865.4 MW of residual ARRs, down 8,232.2 MW (a 22.8 percent decrease) from 36,097.6 MW, with a total target allocation of $81.7 million, up $55.4 million (a 210.6 percent increase) from $26.3 million in the 2024/2025 planning period.
- **ARR Deficiency.** In July 2025, there was not enough FTR auction revenue collected from the monthly FTR auction to pay the high target allocations from Residual ARRs. As a result, July ARR funding was deficient for the first time since ARRs were introduced. The congestion revenues at the end of the 2025/2026 were sufficient to fund FTR target allocations and to fund the July ARR deficiency.
- **ARR Reassignment for Retail Load Switching.** There were 34,066 MW of ARRs associated with $3.6 million of revenue that were reassigned for the 2025/2026 planning period. There were 32,594 MW of ARRs associated

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with $1.2 million of revenue that were reassigned in the 2024/2025 planning period.

Financial Transmission Rights

Market Design

- **FTR Target Allocations.** The value of FTRs is defined in the PJM market rules as the day-ahead CLMP difference between the source and sink of the FTR times the MW of the FTR. FTR Target allocations are the maximum value of an FTR. If the FTR target allocations are greater than the congestion revenue paid in the planning period, payments to all FTRs are prorated, proportional to FTR target allocations. This would not be possible if the value of FTRs were defined logically and consistent with the LMP market design.
- **Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions.** The design of the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions includes auctions for each remaining month in the planning period.

Market Structure

- **Patterns of Ownership.**[6] For the Monthly Balance of Planning Period Auctions, financial entities purchased 96.6 of all prevailing and counter flow FTRs, including 95.5 percent of prevailing flow and 97.9 percent of counter flow FTRs for the 2025/2026 planning period. Financial entities owned 89.2 percent of all prevailing and counter flow FTRs, including 83.0 percent of all prevailing flow FTRs and 96.0 percent of all counter flow FTRs during the 2025/2026 planning period. Self scheduled FTRs account for 3.4 percent of all FTRs held.
- **Market Concentration.** In the Monthly Balance of Planning Period Auctions for the 2025/2026 planning period, ownership of cleared prevailing flow bids was unconcentrated in all periods. Ownership of cleared counter flow bids was unconcentrated in 69.2 percent of periods and moderately concentrated in 30.8 percent of periods.

6 Beginning in the *2025 Quarterly State of the Market Report for PJM: January through March,* the MMU categorizes all participants owning FTRs in PJM as either physical or financial at an account level. In prior reports, participants were categorized as either physical or financial at an organization level.

Market Behavior

- **Sell Offers.** In a given auction, market participants can sell FTRs acquired in preceding auctions or preceding rounds of auctions. In the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction, total participant FTR sell offers were 2,354,507 MW, up 51.2 percent from 1,557,455 in the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction. In the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction, total participant FTR sell offers were 2,031,149 MW, up 19.8 percent from 1,695,004 for the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction. In the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions for the 2025/2026 planning period, total participant FTR sell offers were 66,529,876 MW, up 45.0 percent from 45,897,764 for the 2024/2025 planning period.
- **Buy Bids.** In the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction, total participant FTR buy bids were 7,319,380 MW, up 8.8 percent from 6,729,600 MW in the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction. In the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction, total participant FTR buy and self scheduled bids were 4,385,836 MW, down 34.1 percent from 6,658,483 MW in the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction. In the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions for the 2025/2026 planning period, total participant FTR buy bids were 89,547,538 MW, up 22.7 percent from 66,979,067 for the 2024/2025 planning period.
- **FTR Forfeitures.** Total FTR forfeitures were $6,687,074 for the 2025/2026 planning period, up 67.2 percent from $4,000,330 from the 2024/2025 planning period.
- **Credit.** There were two collateral defaults and four payment defaults in the first six months of 2026.

Market Performance

- **Quantity.** In the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction 1,247,476 MW (17.0 percent) of buy bids cleared and 334,486 MW (14.2 percent) of sell offers cleared. In the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction 1,324,299 MW (19.9 percent) of buy and self scheduled bids cleared, up 28.8 percent from the 2024/2025 Annual FTR Auction, and 183,410 MW (10.8 percent) of sell offers cleared, up 47.6 percent from the 2024/2025 Annual Auction. In

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the 2025/2026 planning period, Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions 16,198,371 MW (18.1 percent) of FTR buy bids cleared, up 44.1 percent from the 2024/2025 planning period and 10,330,538 MW (15.5 percent) of FTR sell offers cleared, up 55.0 percent from the 2024/2025 planning period.

- **Price.** The weighted average buy bid FTR price in the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction was $0.09 per MW, a $0.005 per MW decrease from the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction. The weighted average buy bid FTR price in the Annual FTR Auction for the 2026/2027 planning period was $0.40 per MW, down from $0.53 per MW in the 2025/2026 planning period. The weighted average buy bid cleared FTR price in the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions for all periods in the 2025/2026 planning period was $0.44 per MWh, up from $0.43 per MW in the 2024/2025 planning period.
- **Revenue.** The 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction generated $102.5 million of net auction revenue, down 36.9 percent from $162.3 million from the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction. The 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction generated $3,755.8 million of net auction revenue, up 98.2 percent from $1,875.3 million for the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction. The Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions resulted in net auction revenue of $105.0 million in the 2025/2026 planning period, up 31.9 percent from $79.6 million in the 2024/2025 planning period. Net auction revenue is difference between what FTR buyers pay and what FTR sellers receive in an auction.
- **"Revenue Adequacy."** For the 2025/2026 planning period there was enough total day-ahead congestion revenue to pay FTR target allocations. However, as a result of the monthly settlement logic for FTRs and ARRs, $117.7 million of FTR auction revenue was transferred from ARR holders (load) to FTR holders in months where congestion revenue was less than FTR target allocation. For the 2025/2026 planning period FTRs were paid 100.0 percent of the target allocations and the total revenue distributed to ARR holders was $762.0 million, including $522.1 million of congestion revenue and $239.9 of ARR auction revenue. All day-ahead congestion revenue greater than FTR target allocations was distributed to ARR holders at the end of the planning period. Based on market logic, there is no such thing as surplus FTR auction revenue and there is no such thing as revenue inadequacy. FTR Auction revenue results from the market prices paid by willing FTR buyers, should be paid to ARR holders, and should not be returned to FTR buyers for any reason.
- **Profitability.** FTR profitability is the difference between the revenue received directly from holding an FTR plus any revenue from the sale of an FTR, and the cost of buying the FTR. In the 2025/2026 planning period, profits for all participants were $2.2 billion, up from $897.3 million in profits in the 2024/2025 planning period and the highest level of profits since at least the 2010/2011 planning period. In the 2025/2026 planning period, physical entities received $595.3 million in profits on FTRs purchased directly (not self scheduled), up from $42.6 million in profits in the 2024/2025 planning period. Financial entities received $1.6 billion in profits, up from $854.8 million in profits in the 2024/2025 planning period.

Markets Timeline

Any PJM member can participate in the Long Term FTR Auction, the Annual FTR Auction and the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions.

Table 13-2 shows the date of first availability and the final closing date for all ARR and FTR auctions for ARRs and FTRs that are effective in the 2025/2026 planning period and for auctions with bidding dates in 2026.

Table 13-2 Annual FTR auction dates

Auction	Initial Open Date	Final Close Date
2022/2025 Long Term	1-Jun-21	3-Mar-22
2023/2026 Long Term	2-Jun-22	3-Mar-23
2024/2027 Long Term	1-Jun-23	5-Mar-24
2025/2028 Long Term	3-Jun-24	5-Mar-25
2025/2026 ARR	5-Mar-25	28-Mar-25
2025/2026 Annual	9-Apr-25	2-May-25
2025/2026 Monthly	15-May-24	17-Apr-26
2026/2029 Long Term	2-Jun-25	4-Mar-26
2026/2027 ARR	4-Mar-26	26-Mar-26
2026/2027 Annual	8-Apr-26	4-May-26
2026/2027 Monthly	14-May-26	Apr-27
2027/2030 Long Term	1-Jun-26	1-Mar-27

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Recommendations

Market Design

- The MMU recommends that the current ARR/FTR design be replaced with defined congestion revenue rights (CRRs). A CRR is the right to actual congestion revenue that is paid by physical load at a specific bus, zone or aggregate. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)

ARR

- The MMU recommends that the ARR/FTR design be modified to ensure that the rights to all congestion revenues are assigned to load. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that all historical generation to load paths be eliminated as a basis for assigning ARRs. The MMU recommends that the current design be replaced with a design in which the rights to actual congestion paid are assigned directly to the load that paid that congestion by node. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that, under the current FTR design, the rights to all congestion revenue be allocated as ARRs prior to sale as FTRs. Reductions in allocated revenue as a contingency for outages and increased system capability should be reserved for ARRs rather than sold in the Long Term FTR Auction. (Priority: High. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that IARRs be eliminated from PJM's tariff, but that if IARRs are not eliminated, IARRs should be subject to the same proration rules that apply to all other ARR rights. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

FTR

- The MMU recommends that FTR funding be based on total congestion, including both day-ahead and balancing congestion. (Priority: High. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that bilateral transactions be eliminated and that all FTR transactions occur in the PJM market. (Priority: High. First reported 2022. Status: Not adopted.)[7]
- The MMU recommends a requirement that the details of all bilateral FTR transactions be reported to PJM. (Priority: High. First reported 2020. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM continue to evaluate the bilateral indemnification rules and any asymmetries they may create. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM reduce FTR sales on paths with persistent overallocation of FTRs, including a clear definition of persistent overallocation and how the reduction will be applied. (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted, 2014/2015 planning period.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate generation to generation paths and all other paths that do not represent the delivery of power to load. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the Long Term FTR product be eliminated. If the Long Term FTR product is not eliminated, the Long Term FTR Market should be modified so that the supply of prevailing flow FTRs in the Long Term FTR Market is based solely on counter flow offers in the Long Term FTR Market. (Priority: High. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM improve transmission outage modeling in the FTR auction models, including the use of probabilistic outage modeling. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)

"Surplus"

- The MMU recommends that all FTR auction revenue be distributed to ARR holders monthly, regardless of FTR funding levels. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that, under the current FTR design, all congestion revenue in excess of FTR target allocations be distributed to ARR holders on a monthly basis. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

7 If adopted, this recommendation would replace the next two recommendations.

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- The MMU recommends that FTR auction revenues not be used by PJM to buy counter flow FTRs for the purpose of improving FTR payout ratios.[8] (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)

FTR Subsidies

- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate portfolio netting to eliminate cross subsidies among FTR market participants. (Priority: High. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted. Rejected by FERC.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate subsidies to counter flow FTRs by applying the payout ratio to counter flow FTRs in the same way the payout ratio is applied to prevailing flow FTRs. (Priority: High. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate geographic cross subsidies. (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM examine the mechanism by which self scheduled FTRs are allocated when load switching among LSEs occurs throughout the planning period. (Priority: Low. First reported 2011. Status: Not adopted.)

FTR Liquidation

- The MMU recommends that the FTR portfolio of a defaulted member be canceled rather than liquidated or allowed to settle as a default cost to the membership. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

Credit

- The MMU recommends that PJM's minimum credit requirements be reviewed and updated to appropriately reflect the risk created for the markets and other market participants. The PJM minimum credit requirements (minimum tangible net worth and minimum tangible assets) were set as fixed dollars amounts in 2011 in FERC Order No. 741 based on the specific market participation (FTRs or other). (Priority: Medium. First reported Q3 2025. Status: Not adopted.)

8 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025).

Conclusion

Solutions

The annual ARR allocation should be designed to ensure that the rights to all congestion revenues are assigned to load, without requiring contract path or point to point physical or financial transmission rights that are inconsistent with the network based delivery of power and the actual way congestion is generated in PJM's security constrained LMP market. When there are binding transmission constraints and locational price differences, load pays more for energy than generation is paid to produce that energy. The difference is congestion. As a result, congestion belongs to load and should be returned to load.

The current contract path based design should be replaced with a design in which the rights to actual congestion paid are assigned directly to the load that paid that congestion by node. The assigned right should be to the actual difference between load payments, both day-ahead and balancing, and revenues paid to the generation used to serve that load. The load can retain the right to the congestion revenues or sell the rights through auctions. The correct assignment of congestion revenues to load is fully consistent with retaining FTR auctions for the voluntary sale by load of their congestion revenue rights at terms defined by load, recognizing that load has property rights to congestion.

Issues

If the original PJM FTR approach had been designed to return congestion revenues to load without the use of generation to load contract paths, and if the distortions subsequently introduced into the FTR design had not been added, many of the subsequent issues with the FTR design and complex redesigns would have been avoided. PJM would not have had to repeatedly intervene in the functioning of the FTR system in an effort to meet the artificial and incorrectly defined goal of revenue adequacy.

PJM has persistently and subjectively intervened in the FTR market in order to affect the payments to FTR holders. These interventions are not appropriate.

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For example, in the 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 planning periods, PJM significantly reduced the allocation of ARR capacity, and FTRs, in order to guarantee full FTR funding. PJM reduced system capability in the FTR auction model by including more outages, reducing line limits and including additional constraints. PJM's modeling changes resulted in significant reductions in Stage 1B and Stage 2 ARR allocations, a corresponding reduction in the available quantity of FTRs, a reduction in congestion revenues assigned to ARRs, and an associated surplus of congestion revenue relative to FTR target allocations. This also resulted in a significant redistribution of ARRs among ARR holders based on differences in allocations between Stage 1A and Stage 1B ARRs. Starting in the 2017/2018 planning period, with the allocation of balancing congestion and M2M payments to load rather than FTRs, PJM increased system capability allocated to Stage 1B and Stage 2 ARRs, but continued to conservatively select outages to manage FTR funding levels.

PJM has intervened aggressively in the FTR market since its inception in order to meet various subjective objectives including so called revenue adequacy. PJM should not intervene in the FTR market to subjectively manage FTR funding. PJM should fix the FTR/ARR design and then should let the market work to return congestion to load and to let FTR values reflect actual congestion.

Load should never be required to subsidize payments to FTR holders, regardless of the reason.[9] The FERC order of September 15, 2016, introduced a subsidy to FTR holders at the expense of ARR holders.[10] The order requires PJM to ignore balancing congestion when calculating total congestion dollars available to fund FTRs. As a result, balancing congestion and M2M payments are assigned to load, rather than to FTR holders, as of the 2017/2018 planning period. When combined with the direct assignment of both surplus day-ahead congestion and surplus FTR auction revenues to FTR holders, the Commission's order shifted substantial revenue from load to the holders of FTRs and further reduced the offset to congestion payments by load. This approach ignores the fact that load pays both day-ahead and balancing congestion, and that actual congestion is the sum of day-ahead and balancing congestion. Eliminating balancing congestion from the FTR revenue calculation requires load to pay twice for congestion. Load pays total congestion and pays negative balancing congestion again. The fundamental reasons that there has been a significant and persistent difference between day-ahead and balancing congestion include inadequate transmission modeling in the FTR auction and the role of UTCs in taking advantage of these modeling differences and creating negative balancing congestion. There is no reason to impose these costs on load.

These changes were made in order to increase the payout to holders of FTRs who are not loads. Increasing the payout to FTR holders at the expense of the load is not a supportable market objective. PJM should implement an FTR design that calculates and assigns congestion rights to load rather than continuing to modify the current, fundamentally flawed, design.

Load was made significantly worse off as a result of the changes made to the FTR/ARR process by PJM based on the FERC order of September 15, 2016. ARR revenues were significantly reduced for the 2017/2018 FTR Auction, the first auction under the new rules. ARRs and self scheduled FTRs offset only 49.5 percent of total congestion costs for the 2017/2018 planning period rather than the 58.0 percent offset that would have occurred under the prior rules, a difference of $101.4 million.

A subsequent rule change was implemented that modified the allocation of what is termed surplus auction revenue to load. Beginning with the 2018/2019 planning period, surplus day-ahead congestion and surplus FTR auction revenue are assigned to FTR holders only up total target allocations, and then distributed to ARR holders.[11] ARR holders will only be allocated this surplus after FTRs are paid 100 percent of their target allocations. While this rule change increased the level of congestion revenues returned to load under some conditions, the rules do not recognize ARR holders' rights to all congestion revenue, and only improves congestion payouts to load when there is a surplus. There was no surplus for the 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 planning years. With this rule in effect for the 2021/2022 planning period, ARRs and self scheduled FTRs offset 31.6 percent of total congestion. There was surplus for the 2022/2023 and the 2023/2024 planning periods. However,

9 Such subsidies have been suggested repeatedly. See FERC Dockets Nos. EL13-47-000 and EL12-19-000.
10 See 156 FERC ¶ 61,180 (2016), *reh'g denied*, 158 FERC ¶ 61,093 (2017).
11 163 FERC ¶ 61,165 (2018).

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FTR auction surplus revenues were taken from load and given to FTR holders because day-ahead congestion revenues were less than target allocations in the 2023/2024 planning period. For the 2024/2025 planning period, there was not enough congestion revenue to fund FTR target allocations and all FTR auction surplus revenues were taken from load and given to FTR holders. For the 2025/2026 planning period, there was enough congestion revenue to fund FTR target allocations, and FTR auction surplus revenues were distributed to ARR holders. Based on market logic, there is no such thing as surplus FTR auction revenue. FTR Auction revenue results from the market prices paid by willing FTR buyers, should be paid to ARR holders, and should not be returned to FTR buyers for any reason. ARRs and self scheduled FTRs offset only 55.7 percent of total congestion paid by load in the 2025/2026 planning period. Load was underpaid $2.2 billion in the 2025/2026 planning period, an increase from the $0.9 billion underpayment in the 2024/2025 planning period. This is the largest underpayment that load has experienced in a single planning period. Load has been underpaid congestion revenues by $7.1 billion from the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period. The cumulative offset for that period was only 65.7 percent of total congestion.

The complex process related to what is termed the overallocation of Stage 1A ARRs is entirely an artificial result of reliance on the contract path model in the assignment of FTRs. For example, there is a reason that transmission is not actually built to address the Stage 1A overallocation issue. The Stage 1A overallocation issue is a fiction based on the use of outdated and irrelevant generation to load contract paths to assign Stage 1A rights that have nothing to do with actual power flows.

PJM proposed, and on March 11, 2022, FERC accepted, an increase to Stage 1A ARR allocations from 50 percent of Network Service Base Load (NSBL) to 60 percent of Network Service Peak Load (NSPL).[12] NSBL is a network service customer's contribution to the lowest daily zonal peak load in the prior twelve month period, and NSPL is a network service customer's contribution to the highest daily zonal peak load in the prior twelve month period. PJM's new ARR allocation rules have increased Stage 1A rights at the cost of Stage 1B and Stage 2 ARR allocations. More importantly, PJM's new ARR allocation rules have exacerbated the current misalignment between congestion property rights and the congestion paid by load.

12 See 178 FERC ¶ 61,170.

Proposed Design

To address the issues with the current contract path based ARR/FTR market design, the MMU recommends that the current design be replaced with a design in which the rights to actual congestion paid are assigned directly to the load that paid that congestion by node. The assigned right would be the actual difference between load payments, both day-ahead and balancing, and revenues paid to the generation used to serve that load. The load could retain the right to the congestion or sell the right through auctions. The correct assignment of congestion revenues to load is fully consistent with retaining FTR auctions for the voluntary sale by load of their congestion revenue rights at terms defined by load.

With a network assignment of actual congestion, there would be no cross subsidies among rights holders and no over or under allocation of rights relative to actual network market solutions. There would be no revenue shortfalls as congestion payments equal congestion collected. The risk of default would be isolated to the buyer and seller of the right, and any default would not be socialized to other rights holders. In the case of a defaulting buyer, the rights to the congestion revenues would revert to the load. There would be no risk of a network right flipping in value from positive to negative, because congestion is always the positive difference between what load pays for energy and what generation is paid for energy as a result of transmission constraints.

The MMU proposal requires the calculation of constraint specific congestion and the calculation of that specific constraint's congestion related charges to each physical load bus downstream of that constraint. Under the MMU proposal, the constraint specific congestion calculated by hour, from both the day-ahead and balancing market would be paid directly to the physical load as a credit against the associated load serving entity's (LSE) energy bill. This right to the congestion is defined as the congestion revenue right (CRR)

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that belongs to the physical load at a defined bus, zone or aggregate. The LSE could choose to sell all or a portion of the CRR through auctions.

A CRR is the right to actual, realized network related congestion that is paid by physical load at a specific bus, zone or aggregate. Under the MMU proposal a bus, zone or aggregate specific CRR could be sold as a defined share of the actual congestion. For example, an LSE could sell 50 percent of its congestion revenue right for the planning period to a third party. The third party buyer would then be entitled to 50 percent of the congestion that is credited to that specific bus, zone or aggregate for the planning period. The remaining 50 percent of the congestion credit for the specified bus, zone or aggregate would be paid to the LSE along with the auction clearing price for the 50 percent of the CRR that was sold to the third party. Depending on actual congestion and the price paid for a CRR, an LSE selling its congestion revenue rights could be better or worse off than if it retained its rights.

Under the MMU proposal, the LSE would be able to set reservation prices in the auction for the sale of portions or all of its CRR. Third parties would have an opportunity to bid for the offered portions of the CRR, and the market for the congestion revenue associated with the specified bus, zone or aggregate would clear at a price. If the reservation price of an identified portion of the offered CRR was not met at the clearing price, that portion of the offered CRR would remain with the load. Auctions could be annual and/or monthly and/or more frequent.

Under the MMU proposal, point to point rights (FTRs) could exist as a separate, self-funded hedging product based on simultaneously feasible prevailing and counter flows in a PJM managed network based auction. The only supply and the only source of revenues in the point to point market for prevailing flow FTRs would be counter flow offers and direct payments for specific rights.

Auction Revenue Rights

Auction Revenue Rights (ARRs) are the mechanism used to assign congestion rights to load, using an archaic and invalid contract path based approach, and to sell those rights to FTR buyers in various auctions. ARR values are based on nodal price differences established by cleared FTR bids in the Annual FTR Auction times the MW of the ARR. ARR sellers have no opportunity to define a price at which they are willing to sell and must accept the prices set by FTR buyers. ARR revenues are a function of FTR auction participants' expectations of congestion, risk, competition and available supply. But some auction revenues may be returned to FTR buyers as "surplus," despite the fact that FTR buyers willingly paid a defined price for FTRs. There is no surplus. PJM has significant discretion over the level of supply made available to FTR buyers. That discretion is needed only as a result of the flawed design. As long as the current design persists, the goals of that discretion should be significantly limited and defined clearly in the tariff.

ARRs are available only as obligations (not options) and only as a 24 hour product. ARRs are available to the nearest 0.1 MW. The ARR target allocation is equal to the product of the ARR MW and the price difference between the ARR sink and source from the Annual FTR Auction.[13] The value of annual ARR target allocations is set by the Annual FTR Auction. ARRs would be revenue inadequate if the money collected from the Annual FTR auction is not enough to pay the entirety of Annual ARR target allocations for the planning period which could happen only if there is a modeling difference between the system model used for ARRs and the system model used for FTRs and the FTR MW are reduced. The Annual FTR Auction and annual ARR target allocations were not the issue in the 2025/2026 planning period. Residual ARR target allocations are set by Monthly FTR auctions (the month that they are awarded). The large increase in Residual ARR target allocations compared to Annual ARR target allocations and FTR Auction Revenue in the beginning of the 2025/2026 planning led to the first month with an ARR deficiency in the history of the ARR market. An ARR's target allocation can be a positive or negative depending on the price difference between sink and source. Residual ARR target allocations can only be positive.

13 These nodal prices are a function of the market participants' annual FTR bids and binding transmission constraints.

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The goal of the ARR/FTR design should be to provide an efficient mechanism to ensure that load receives the rights to all congestion revenues. In the current design, all auction revenues should be paid to ARR holders.

The quantity of the product made available as ARRs or for sale in the FTR auctions is defined as system capability, meaning the capacity of the transmission system to deliver power. But system capability is not congestion and system capability is not the difference in congestion prices across transmission contract paths nor the potential for such difference and system capability is not the market flow across transmission paths. The concept of system capability is not relevant to assigning the rights to congestion revenues to load. The use, or misuse, of the concept of system capability in assigning ARRs is derived entirely from the contract path approach used in the PJM design. The definition of ARRs based on contract paths led to the mistaken idea that some transmission system capacity was used by ARRs but some was not and that both the ARR capability and the excess capability were available for sale as FTRs. Power does not flow on contract paths. In the current approach, system capability available to ARR holders is limited by the system capability made available in PJM's annual FTR transmission system market model. PJM's annual FTR transmission market model represents annual, expected system capability, modified by PJM to achieve PJM's goal of guaranteeing revenue equal to target allocations for FTRs, and subject to the requirement that all Stage 1A ARR requests must be allocated. Stage 1A ARR right requests are guaranteed and system capability necessary to accommodate the rights must be included in PJM's annual FTR transmission system market model despite the fact that there are not real world paths, real world capability, or real world flows that correspond to Stage 1A rights.

Market Design

ARRs have been available to network service and firm, point to point transmission service customers since June 1, 2003, when the annual ARR allocation was first implemented for the 2003/2004 planning period. The initial allocation covered the Mid-Atlantic Region and the APS Control Zone. For the 2006/2007 planning period, the choice of ARRs or direct allocation FTRs was available to eligible market participants in the AEP, DAY, DUQ and DOM Control Zones. For the 2007/2008 and subsequent planning periods through the present, all eligible market participants were allocated ARRs.

Each March, PJM allocates annual ARRs to eligible customers in a three stage process: Stage 1A, Stage 1B and Stage 2B. Stage 1A ARRs are assigned based on historic contract paths and Stage 1A ARRs must be preserved for at least ten planning periods regardless of system or regulatory changes.[14]

The 2022/2023 planning period annual auction was the first auction under PJM's new ARR allocation rules. Under the new rules, Stage 1A ARR allocations increase from 50 percent of Network Service Base Load (NSBL) to 60 percent of Network Service Peak Load (NSPL).[15] NSBL is a network service customer's contribution to the lowest daily zonal peak load in the prior 12 month period, and NSPL is a network service customer's contribution to the highest daily zonal peak load in the prior twelve month period. PJM's new ARR allocation rules have increased Stage 1A rights at the cost of Stage 1B and Stage 2 ARR allocations.

In Stage 1A, LSEs can obtain ARRs, based on their contribution to the network service peak load (NSPL) and based on putative generation to load contract paths, or their qualified replacements if the resource has retired and PJM has replaced it with a different generator regardless of whether there is a contract. The historical reference year is the year in which PJM markets were implemented, which is 1999 for the original zones, or the year in which a zone joined PJM. Firm, point to point transmission service customers can obtain Stage 1A ARRs up to 50 percent of the MW of firm, point to point transmission service provided between the receipt and delivery points for the historical reference year, subject to a cap of 60 percent of the participants total network service peak load for the zone or load aggregation zone that the ARRs are obtained. Effective for the 2023/2024 planning period, network service customers can obtain Stage 1A ARRs based on the MW of firm service provided during the reference year, subject to a cap of 60 percent of the participants total network service peak load for the zone or load aggregation zone that the ARRs are obtained. Stage 1A ARRs cannot be prorated. If Stage 1A ARRs are found to be infeasible, transmission system upgrades must be

14 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025) at 20.
15 See 178 FERC ¶ 61,170.

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undertaken to maintain feasibility.[16] However, PJM does not actually upgrade the transmission system to address Stage 1A ARR infeasibility because there is no actual physical infeasibility. The apparent infeasibility is an artificial result based on the fiction that power flows on the unsupported, outdated, fictional and irrelevant generation to load contract paths on which PJM's current and incorrect ARR allocation is based. Stage 1A rights have nothing to do with actual power flows or transmission limits.

In Stage 1B, network transmission service customers can obtain ARRs, up to the difference between their share of network service peak load and Stage 1A allocations. Effective for the 2023/2024 planning period, Stage 1B ARRs can be obtained from historical generation resources, qualified replacement resources, hubs, zones, or interfaces to designated load aggregation zones. Firm, point to point transmission service customers can obtain ARRs based on the MW of long-term, firm, point to point service provided between the receipt and delivery points for the historical reference year.

In Stage 2, network transmission service customers can obtain ARRs from any hub, control zone, generator bus or interface pricing point to any part of their aggregate load in the control zone, load aggregation zone, or any generator, interface, hub or zone, up to their total peak network load in that zone. Firm, point to point transmission service customers can obtain ARRs consistent with their transmission service as in Stage 1A and Stage 1B.

ARR holders can self schedule ARRs as FTRs during the Annual FTR Auction.[17] When ARR holders self schedule FTRs, the ARR holders choose to be paid based on variable FTR target allocations rather than the fixed ARR value determined in the annual FTR auction. ARRs can be traded between LSEs prior to the first round of the Annual FTR Auction.

Effective for the 2015/2016 planning period, when residual zonal pricing was introduced, ARRs default to sinking at the load settlement point if different than the zone, but the ARR holder may elect to sink their ARR at the zone instead.[18]

16 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025).
17 OATT Attachment K 7.1.1.(b).
18 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025) at 35.

In 2016, FERC ordered PJM to remove retired resources from the generation to load contract paths used to allocate Stage 1A ARRs.[19] PJM replaced retired units with operating generators, termed qualified replacement resources (QRRs), regardless of whether there was a corresponding contract.[20] Existing Stage 1A resources retain their current allocations, while ARR allocations to QRRs that replace retired Stage 1A resources are prorated based on the feasibility of these ARRs after existing resources are allocated. As a result of this proration, ARRs for QRRs have lower priority than ARRs from generators that existed in 1998.

Generation to load paths, even from active generators, are based on a contract path model rather than a network model. Generation to load contract paths should not be used as a basis for assigning the rights to congestion revenue. There is no basis for assuming that a contract existed in 1999 or exists currently. Contract paths are a fiction and are not an accurate representation of the reasons that congestion exists or of how load is served in a network and will, by definition, not accurately measure the exposure of load to congestion.

Market Structure

ARRs are allocated on an annual basis. For the 2026/2027 planning period there were 1,626 individual participant LSEs and 131 parent companies, up from 1,560 individual participants and 130 parent companies for the 2025/2026 planning period.

The ownership of ARRs by parent company was unconcentrated, with an HHI of 590, for the 2026/2027 planning period compared to 600 for the 2025/2026 planning period.

19 156 FERC ¶ 61,180 (2016) *reh'g denied*, 158 FERC ¶ 61,093 (2017).
20 See FERC Docket No. EL16-6-003.

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Market Performance

Volume

Table 13-3 shows the MW of ARR allocations for each round of the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 planning periods. There was a 3,415.1 MW increase (2.1 percent) in Network Service Peak Load (NSPL) between the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 planning periods. This increase resulted in an increase in ARR MW requested by load of 10,583 MW (5.1 percent) from the 2025/2026 to the 2026/2027 planning period. The ARR MW actually provided to load increased by 8,413 MW (7.4 percent) from the 2025/2026 to the 2026/2027 planning period. The cleared volume of Stage 1B ARR MW decreased 1.2 percentage points from 23.1 percent in the 2025/2026 planning period to 22.0 percent in the 2026/2027 planning period.

Table 13-3 Annual ARR allocation volume: 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 planning periods

Planning Period	Stage	Round	Requested Count	Requested Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume	Uncleared Volume (MW)	Uncleared Volume
2025/2026	1A	0	35,072	89,253	89,245	100.0%	8	0.0%
	1B	1	10,807	55,826	12,919	23.1%	42,907	76.9%
	2	2	9,006	31,316	5,261	16.8%	26,055	83.2%
		3	6,660	31,276	6,032	19.3%	25,244	80.7%
		Total	15,666	62,592	11,293	18.0%	51,299	82.0%
	Total		61,545	207,671	113,457	54.6%	94,214	45.4%
2026/2027	1A	0	34,659	92,663	92,540	99.9%	123	0.1%
	1B	1	11,372	64,397	14,141	22.0%	50,256	78.0%
	2	2	9,974	30,847	6,803	22.1%	24,044	77.9%
		3	12,413	30,347	8,386	27.6%	21,961	72.4%
		Total	22,387	61,194	15,189	24.8%	46,005	75.2%
	Total		68,418	218,254	121,870	55.8%	96,384	44.2%

Table 13-4 shows the share of ARR MW, by stage, for ARRs with paths that source inside or outside the zone where the load is located, for the 2026/2027 planning period. Table 13-4 shows that, for the 2026/2027 planning period, 79.7 percent of the ARR MW is based on generation inside the zone where the ARR load is located and 20.3 percent of the ARR MW are based on generation outside the zone where the ARR load is located. In contrast, only 10.0 percent of congestion resulted from constraints inside the zone where load is located and 90.0 percent of congestion resulted from constraints outside the zone where load is located during the 2025/2026 planning period (See Table 13-55). This mismatch between the assignment of ARRs and the actual patterns of congestion illustrates one of the fundamental issues with the path based approach to ARRs which originated in the prior regulated utility design in which most load was served by generation in the same zone as load and owned by the vertically integrated transmission owner/utility. In fact, in the PJM market, which operates as an integrated network, a significant proportion of congestion results from constraints that are not in the same zone as load. The path based approach cannot and does not reflect the actual congestion paid by load.

Table 13-4 Share of ARR MW that source in/out of load zone: 2026/2027 planning period

	Stage 1A		Stage 1B		Stage 2		Total	
	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone
ACEC	24.8%	28.8%	16.2%	3.4%	8.8%	18.1%	49.7%	50.3%
AEP	8.7%	56.2%	3.7%	16.3%	0.8%	14.3%	13.2%	86.8%
APS	8.0%	74.6%	1.9%	0.2%	2.7%	12.7%	12.6%	87.4%
ATSI	33.6%	38.2%	10.1%	3.9%	0.0%	14.1%	43.7%	56.3%
BGE	40.0%	55.3%	2.2%	0.8%	0.2%	1.5%	42.4%	57.6%
COMED	0.0%	65.9%	0.0%	10.0%	0.2%	23.8%	0.2%	99.8%
DAY	72.0%	8.7%	14.0%	2.6%	0.8%	1.9%	86.8%	13.2%
DOM	0.4%	84.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	14.1%	0.4%	99.6%
DPL	18.8%	47.9%	1.9%	1.3%	4.6%	25.5%	25.3%	74.7%
DUKE	47.4%	35.8%	0.3%	7.8%	0.8%	8.0%	48.5%	51.5%
DUQ	85.8%	0.7%	7.4%	0.1%	5.1%	0.9%	98.2%	1.8%
EKPC	11.5%	65.4%	19.6%	0.0%	0.6%	2.9%	31.6%	68.4%
EXT	32.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	67.7%	0.1%	99.9%	0.1%
JCPL	10.6%	34.5%	7.1%	0.3%	28.1%	19.3%	45.8%	54.2%
MEC	8.9%	35.6%	10.6%	0.2%	20.0%	24.6%	39.5%	60.5%
OVEC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
PE	31.4%	49.2%	0.1%	5.0%	0.2%	14.2%	31.6%	68.4%
PECO	16.3%	59.3%	0.3%	17.9%	1.4%	4.8%	18.0%	82.0%
PEPCO	19.6%	64.8%	0.0%	14.2%	0.0%	1.3%	19.6%	80.4%
PPL	0.3%	63.3%	0.0%	13.3%	1.9%	21.3%	2.2%	97.8%
PSEG	21.8%	32.7%	15.1%	0.1%	8.5%	21.8%	45.4%	54.6%
REC	0.0%	0.0%	62.9%	0.0%	37.1%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Total	14.1%	57.0%	4.0%	7.4%	2.3%	15.2%	20.3%	79.7%

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Stage 1A Infeasibility

Stage 1A ARRs are allocated for a year, but guaranteed for 10 years, with the ability for a participant to opt out of any planning period within the 10 years. PJM conducts a simultaneous feasibility analysis to determine the transmission upgrades required to ensure that the long term ARRs can remain feasible. The rules provide that if a simultaneous feasibility test violation occurs in any year, PJM will identify or accelerate any transmission upgrades to resolve the violation and these upgrades will be recommended for inclusion in the PJM RTEP process. But such transmission upgrades must pass PJM's RTEP process.

PJM's transmission planning process (RTEP) does not identify a need for new transmission associated with Stage 1A overallocations because there is, in fact, no need for new transmission associated with Stage 1A ARRs. The Stage 1A overallocation issue is a fiction based on the use of outdated and irrelevant generation to load contract paths to assign Stage 1A rights that have nothing to do with actual power flows. This continues to be true even with the replacement of retired generating units.

For the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 planning periods, Stage 1A of the Annual ARR Allocation was infeasible, resulting in an over allocation of ARRs on the affected facilities. As a result, modeled system capability, in excess of actual system capability, was provided to the Stage 1A ARRs and added to the FTR auction. According to Section 7.4.2 (i) of the OATT, the capability limits of the binding constraints rendering these ARRs infeasible must be increased in the model and these increased limits must be used in subsequent ARR and FTR allocations and auctions for the entire planning period, except in the case of extraordinary circumstances. Stage 1A related over allocations have to be made up elsewhere in PJM's FTR market model, in the form of reduced system capability, in order for PJM to achieve its goal of fully funding FTRs. The need for and use of these artificial and factually incorrect calculations are another illustration of the failure of the FTR/ARR design to meet basic logical standards.

Table 13-5 shows the MW quantity and count of overloaded constraint/contingency pairs and the reasons for the modeled overload for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 planning periods. In order to eliminate the infeasibilities for the requested Stage 1A ARR allocations, PJM needed to raise the modeled capacity limits above the actual transmission line limits on 99 constraint/contingency pairs, 55 of which were internal to PJM, a total of 8,988 MW in the 2026/2027 planning period. This is a decrease of 14 constraint/contingency pairs (12.4 percent), a decrease of 30 constraint/contingency pairs internal to PJM, (35.7 percent), and a decrease of 16,577 MW (64.8 percent) compared to the 2025/2026 planning period.[21] [22]

Table 13-5 Stage 1A overloaded constraint reasons and MW: 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 planning periods

		2025/2026		2026/2027	
Reason	Type	MW	Count	MW	Count
Network Load	Internal PJM	17	1	877	5
Network Load	M2M Flowgate	2,177	23	4,445	27
Transmission Outage	Internal PJM	23,316	84	3,413	50
Transmission Outage	M2M Flowgate	55	5	253	17
Transmission Outage	Tie Line	0	0	0	0
Total		25,565	113	8,988	99

21 *PJM 2025/2026 Stage 1A Over allocation notice*, PJM FTRs, <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/DotCom/markets-ops/ftr/annual-arr-allocation/2025-2026/2025-2026-stage-1a-over-allocation-notice.pdf> (March 10, 2025).

22 *PJM 2026/2027 Stage 1A Over allocation notice*, PJM FTRs, <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/DotCom/markets-ops/ftr/annual-arr-allocation/2026-2027/2026-2027-stage-1a-over-allocation-notice.pdf> (March 9, 2026).

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Table 13-6 shows the share of Stage 1A over allocations for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 planning periods for ARR allocations that source inside and outside the zone where the over allocated MW sink. The share of over allocations that have a source outside the zone in which they sink increased 2.3 percentage points (8.3 percent) from 27.7 percent in the 2025/2026 planning period to 30.0 percent in the 2026/2027 planning period. The total MW of overloaded constraint/contingency pairs (Table 13-5) is greater than the total MW of overloaded Stage 1A ARR paths in the 2025/2026 planning period (Table 13-6) because an individual overloaded ARR path can require the modeled capacity limit to be increased for multiple constraint/contingency pairs and multiple contingencies per constraint.

Table 13-6 Stage 1A overloaded paths that sink inside and outside source zone: 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 planning periods

	2025/2026 Planning Period				2026/2027 Planning Period			
	MW		Proportion		MW		Proportion	
	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone
ACEC	0.0	0.0	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
AEP	2,644.9	489.6	84.4%	15.6%	2,259.0	572.2	79.8%	20.2%
APS	0.5	414.9	0.1%	99.9%	464.5	428.0	52.0%	48.0%
ATSI	1,640.3	2,030.8	44.7%	55.3%	1,373.2	2,170.2	38.8%	61.2%
BGE	0.0	300.7	0.0%	100.0%	0.0	83.8	0.0%	100.0%
COMED	1,586.5	0.0	100.0%	0.0%	3,656.8	0.0	100.0%	0.0%
DAY	0.0	255.3	0.0%	100.0%	0.0	187.4	0.0%	100.0%
DOM	7,053.2	7.6	99.9%	0.1%	2,473.3	0.0	100.0%	0.0%
DPL	384.4	156.7	71.0%	29.0%	48.6	33.2	59.4%	40.6%
DUKE	192.1	1,175.8	14.0%	86.0%	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
DUQ	0.0	133.7	0.0%	100.0%	0.0	309.3	0.0%	100.0%
EKPC	0.0	93.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0	81.3	0.0%	100.0%
JCPL	0.0	0.0	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
MEC	0.0	0.0	NA	NA	0.2	12.8	1.5%	98.5%
PE	97.1	10.5	90.2%	9.8%	578.8	806.2	41.8%	58.2%
PECO	10.1	0.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
PEPCO	0.0	151.5	0.0%	100.0%	213.5	176.3	54.8%	45.2%
PPL	0.0	0.0	NA	NA	289.2	0.0	100.0%	0.0%
PSEG	0.0	0.0	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
TOTAL	13,609.1	5,220.1	72.3%	27.7%	11,357.1	4,860.7	70.0%	30.0%

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Table 13-7 shows the MW of retired generation sources for Stage 1A ARRs, the Qualified Replacement Resource (QRR) MW assigned by PJM for all resources and the replacement MW that were considered rate based by PJM. A rate based unit is a replacement generator that is owned by the ARR holder, or subject to firm energy and capacity supply contracts.[23] The term rate based is a misleading reference to the premarket cost of service regulation paradigm. If PJM does not find such a unit, PJM will use another unit that is close to where the retired unit was located even if it is not owned or under contract.

Table 13-7 Qualified Replacement Resource (QRR) results: 2026/2027 planning period

Zone	Historical Retired	Replacement (All)	Replacement (Rate-based)
ACEC	1,779.8	1,056.5	59.0
AEP	8,330.2	8,774.4	1,964.7
APS	3,315.5	3,456.2	97.2
ATSI	7,154.3	4,642.1	36.7
BGE	1,511.0	867.0	0.0
COMED	8,653.8	6,456.1	34.0
DAY	2,416.5	263.4	6.4
DOM	5,996.6	6,407.8	5,361.6
DPL	976.7	445.6	218.3
DUKE	3,234.5	2,029.2	57.6
DUQ	2,045.0	811.7	0.0
EKPC	198.1	229.3	0.0
JCPL	2,137.1	1,373.2	0.0
OVEC	0.0	459.2	1,854.0
MEC	1,082.0	1,059.4	0.0
PE	1,606.5	1,570.3	0.1
PECO	1,432.3	1,077.0	0.0
PEPCO	3,726.0	2,030.3	0.0
PPL	1,224.3	779.6	0.0
PSEG	5,093.2	3,177.0	0.0
REC	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	61,913.5	46,965.3	9,689.6

23 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025) at 21.

ARR Reassignment for Retail Load Switching

PJM rules provide that when load switches between LSEs during the planning period, an LSE gaining load in the same control zone is allocated a proportional share of positively valued ARRs and residual ARRs within the control zone based on the shifted load.[24] ARRs are reassigned to the nearest 0.001 MW and may be reassigned multiple times over a planning period. The reassignment of positively valued ARRs supports competition by ensuring that the offset to congestion follows load, thereby removing a barrier to competition among LSEs and, by ensuring that only ARRs with a positive value are reassigned, preventing an LSE from assigning poor ARR choices to other LSEs. However, when ARRs are self scheduled as FTRs, the self scheduled FTRs do not follow load that shifts while the ARRs do follow load that shifts, and this may result in lower value of the congestion offset for the receiving LSE compared to the total value held by the original ARR holder. The original holder of the ARRs has to pay directly for the self scheduled FTRs after the transfer of the ARRs.

24 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025).

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Table 13-8 summarizes ARR MW and associated revenue reassigned for network load in each control zone where changes occurred from June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2026.

There were 34,066 MW of ARRs associated with $3.6 million of revenue that were reassigned in the 2025/2026 planning period. There were 32,594 MW of ARRs associated with $1.2 million of revenue that were reassigned in the 2024/2025 planning period.

Table 13-8 ARRs and ARR revenue automatically reassigned for network load changes by control zone: June 2024 through May 2026

	ARRs Reassigned (MW-day)		ARR Revenue Reassigned [Dollars (Thousands) per MW-day]	
	2024/2025	2025/2026	2024/2025	2025/2026
Control Zone	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)	(12 months)
ACEC	300	356	$4.2	$5.4
AEP	3,427	2,677	$64.9	$97.1
APS	1,666	1,824	$75.8	$221.1
ATSI	4,572	4,568	$161.5	$294.9
BGE	2,408	3,327	$341.1	$1,430.0
COMED	2,975	2,271	$30.0	$98.5
DAY	1,298	1,395	$20.5	$51.0
DOM	288	342	$15.1	$59.1
DPL	689	806	$67.9	$198.3
DUKE	1,824	2,327	$106.6	$169.1
DUQ	1,437	1,460	$20.0	$27.6
EKPC	0	0	$0.0	$0.0
JCPLC	907	1,093	$11.4	$33.1
MEC	750	861	$30.1	$44.1
OVEC	0	0	$0.0	$0.0
PE	749	779	$42.2	$140.1
PECO	3,020	3,078	$32.7	$70.1
PEPCO	2,320	2,231	$61.1	$343.7
PPL	2,948	3,737	$66.5	$248.0
PSEG	865	814	$21.4	$49.7
REC	151	121	$2.7	$7.3
Total	32,594	34,066	$1,175.6	$3,588.5

Revenue

ARRs are allocated to qualifying customers rather than sold, so ARR revenue (target allocation) is different from the revenue that results from the FTR auctions.

Figure 13-1 shows the revenue per ARR MW held for each month of the 2010/2011 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period. The revenue per ARR MW held does not include target allocation related payouts for self scheduled FTRs or surplus revenue, but does include Residual ARRs starting in August 2012.

PJM has had to repeatedly intervene in the functioning of the FTR system in an effort to meet the artificial and incorrectly defined goal of revenue adequacy. None of the interventions changed the basic facts of actual congestion but did result in a redistribution of congestion revenues and a change in PJM's preferred but inaccurate and misleading FTR market performance metrics. FTR prices increased in the 2014/2015 Annual FTR Auction in part as a result of reduced supply caused by PJM's assumption of more outages in the model relative to prior years. The decrease in system capability caused by PJM's more conservative modeling of the FTR market model reduced Stage 1B and Stage 2 ARR allocations. The increased FTR prices resulted in an increase in revenue per ARR MW, for a smaller number of ARR MW. For the 2014/2015 planning period, the total dollars per MW of ARR allocation was $11,279, while the previous planning period resulted in revenue per MW of $6,692, a 68.5 percent increase in revenue per allocated ARR MW. Some of the ARR MW lost from proration were provided in the Residual ARR process, but the residual allocations are not comparable to the ARRs awarded in the annual process because residual ARR allocations change each month and cannot be self scheduled as FTRs. For the 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 planning periods, the revenue per MW of ARR allocation was $10,642 and $10,411. During these planning periods PJM chose more restrictive modeling criteria, which did not release the full capacity of the FTR model in order to reduce calculated revenue inadequacies. Beginning in the 2017/2018 planning period, when balancing congestion was arbitrarily removed from FTR funding and assigned to load, PJM reinstated less restrictive modeling criteria, and the revenue

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per MW of ARR decreased due to an increase in modeled capability. For the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 planning periods the revenue per MW of ARR was $5,168 and $6,841. For the 2022/2023 planning period, cleared ARR MW decreased significantly (see Table 13-3) from the previous planning period, because PJM again chose more restrictive modeling criteria for the FTR model to improve PJM's metric of FTR funding. This results in fewer ARRs being awarded. Due to significant increases in FTR prices in the 2022/2023 planning period, the revenue per MW of ARR was $12,274. For the 2023/2024 planning period, FTR prices decreased compared to the 2022/2023 planning period and the revenue per MW of ARR was $14,463, a 17.8 percent decrease. For the 2024/2025 planning period PJM again used less restrictive modeling criteria in the FTR model, resulting in more ARRs being awarded. The revenue per MW of ARR decreased to $12,058, a 16.6 percent decrease. In the 2025/2026 planning period there was both a significant decrease in the amount of Residual ARR MW and a substantial increase in the target allocation from Residual ARRs (See Table 13-11). This resulted in a 42.4 percent increase to $17,170 of revenue per MW of ARR.

Under the current rules, load is required to directly pay balancing congestion costs, not included in Figure 13-1, which reduce the revenue received by ARR holders. There is no support for the assertion made by proponents of shifting balancing congestion to load that higher ARR values would result, and there is no evidence of any kind that load is better off as a result of the arbitrary assignment of balancing congestion to load.

Figure 13-1 Revenue per ARR MW paid to ARR holders compared to congestion and FTR target allocations: 2010/2011 through 2025/2026 planning periods

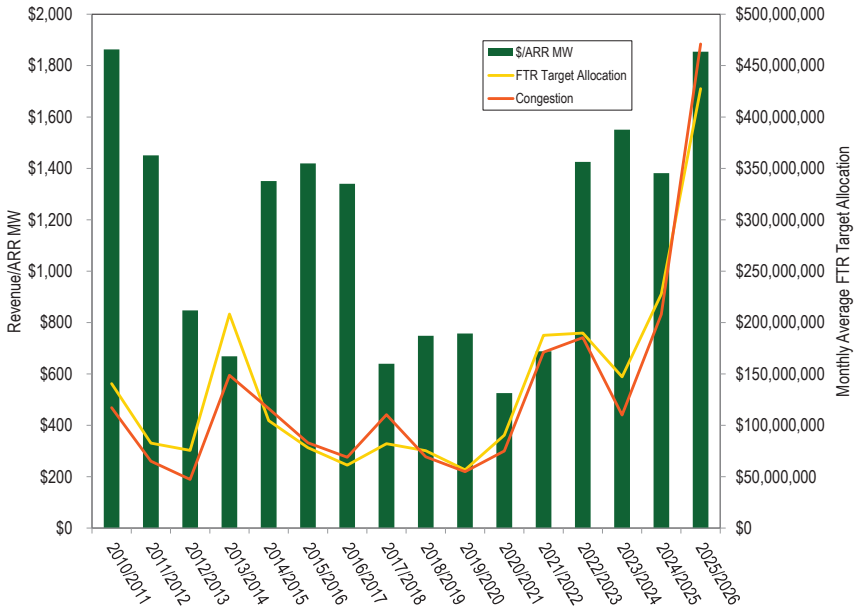

Table 13-9 shows the share of ARR revenue, by stage, for ARRs with paths that source inside or outside the zone where the load is located, for the 2025/2026 planning period. Table 13-9 shows that, for the 2026/2027 planning period, 75.3 percent of ARR revenue is based on generation inside the zone where the ARR load is located and 24.7 percent of ARR revenue is based on generation outside the zone where the ARR load is located. In contrast, only 10.0 percent of congestion resulted from constraints inside the zone where load is located and 90.0 percent of congestion resulted from constraints outside the zone where load is located during the 2025/2026 planning period. The primary source of a zone's actual congestion is the result of transmission constraints that separate that zone from resources external to that zone, not constraints internal to that zone.

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Under the current rules, ARR holders have limited options to pick source points for their ARRs. The holders of Stage 1A rights are limited to specific sources based on assertions about historical generation (or PJM defined replacement sources when resources retire). For the 2026/2027 annual ARR allocation, 57.0 percent of allocated Stage 1A MW are based on generation inside the zone where the ARR load is located and 14.1 percent are based on generation outside the zone where the ARR load is located (See Table 13-4).

Table 13-9 shows that for revenue from all ARRs allocated for the 2026/2027 planning period, 68.1 percent is based on generation inside the zone where the ARR load is located and 22.9 percent is based on generation outside the zone where the ARR load is located. Stage 1A rights accounted for 71.1 percent of all ARR MW and 90.0 of all ARR revenue for ARRs allocated for 2026/2027 planning period.

This illustrates one of the fundamental issues with the path based approach which originated in the premarket cost of service paradigm in which most load was served by generation in the same zone as load. In fact, in the PJM market, which operates as an integrated network, a significant proportion of congestion is based on constraints that are not in the same zone as load. The path based approach does not and cannot reflect the actual congestion paid by load. The use of the path based approach is the fundamental source of the under assignment of congestion revenue rights to load in the ARR/FTR model. The path based approach is an illogical and unsupportable approach to defining the actual congestion paid by load in PJM.

Table 13-9 Share of ARR revenue that sources in/out of load zone: 2026/2027 planning period

	Stage 1A		Stage 1B		Stage 2		Total	
	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone
ACEC	29.6%	18.1%	10.9%	4.6%	12.1%	24.7%	52.6%	47.4%
AEP	16.8%	61.8%	2.2%	12.0%	0.6%	6.7%	19.6%	80.4%
APS	12.9%	82.5%	1.4%	0.1%	0.6%	2.5%	14.9%	85.1%
ATSI	48.0%	37.5%	3.4%	0.8%	0.0%	10.4%	51.4%	48.6%
BGE	89.5%	10.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	89.8%	10.2%
COMED	0.0%	73.5%	0.0%	3.5%	(1.3%)	24.3%	(1.3%)	101.3%
DAY	84.9%	0.6%	14.4%	0.2%	0.6%	(0.7%)	99.9%	0.1%
DOM	0.7%	96.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	2.2%	0.7%	99.3%
DPL	25.1%	57.2%	0.7%	0.2%	2.6%	14.2%	28.4%	71.6%
DUKE	86.7%	9.1%	0.2%	0.8%	0.8%	2.4%	87.7%	12.3%
DUQ	81.8%	(0.0%)	14.1%	(0.0%)	3.9%	0.1%	99.9%	0.1%
EKPC	130.0%	(64.8%)	27.5%	0.0%	0.9%	6.4%	158.4%	(58.4%)
EXT	65.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	34.6%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
JCPL	31.4%	5.9%	8.5%	0.1%	45.9%	8.3%	85.7%	14.3%
MEC	5.7%	50.6%	16.3%	0.2%	19.9%	7.3%	41.9%	58.1%
OVEC	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PE	30.7%	58.0%	0.1%	(0.1%)	0.1%	11.2%	30.9%	69.1%
PECO	14.9%	73.8%	0.3%	5.0%	1.3%	4.8%	16.4%	83.6%
PEPCO	83.7%	14.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.1%	83.7%	16.3%
PPL	(0.6%)	108.7%	(0.0%)	0.8%	0.5%	(9.4%)	(0.1%)	100.1%
PSEG	28.5%	44.4%	8.5%	0.1%	4.2%	14.2%	41.3%	58.7%
REC	0.0%	0.0%	81.0%	0.0%	19.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Total	22.9%	68.1%	1.2%	2.1%	0.7%	5.1%	24.7%	75.3%

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ARR Target Allocations

Table 13-10 shows the monthly ARR target allocations from Annual ARRs and Residual ARRs for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods. Table 13-10 also shows the FTR auction revenue available to fund ARR target allocations. Annual ARR target allocations (Table 13-10) are based on the nodal clearing prices from FTR obligations in the Annual FTR Auction times the MW of the ARR. The annual ARR target allocation is divided evenly among every day of the planning period. Residual ARR target allocations (Table 13-10) are based on the nodal clearing prices from FTR obligations in the monthly FTR auctions and vary each month.

In the 2025/2026 planning period, total ARR target allocations (the sum of annual and residual ARR target allocations) were $1,918.1 million, up 30.6 percent from $1,468.7 million in 2024/2025 planning period. Total ARR target allocations in the 2025/2026 planning period include $1,836.5 million annual ARR target allocations (up 27.3 percent from the 2024/2025 planning period) and $81.7 million Residual ARR target allocations (up 210.6 percent from the 2024/2025 planning period). In 2025/2026 planning period FTR auction revenue available to pay ARR target allocations was $2,158.1 million, up 29.6 percent from $1,664.9 million in the same period of the 2024/2025 planning period. The significant and unprecedented increase in Residual ARR target allocations compared to Annual ARR target allocations and FTR Auction Revenue led to the first month with an ARR deficiency in the history of the ARR market. In July 2025 there was a $229,526 deficiency for ARR holders. PJM's monthly auction process does not consider the impact of Residual ARR target allocation when the Monthly FTR Auctions are optimized and cleared. At the end of the 2025/2026 planning period, the congestion revenues were available to fully fund the ARRs.

Table 13-10 Monthly ARR target allocations compared to FTR auction revenue: 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods

Month	Annual ARR Target Allocations	Residual ARR Target Allocations	Total ARR Target Allocations	FTR Auction Revenue	ARR Surplus or Deficiency
Jun-24	$118,548,955	$1,542,269	$120,091,225	$133,459,438	$13,368,213
Jul-24	$122,500,587	$817,746	$123,318,333	$139,272,100	$15,953,768
Aug-24	$122,500,587	$2,192,686	$124,693,273	$140,450,805	$15,757,532
Sep-24	$118,548,955	$940,983	$119,489,938	$135,797,655	$16,307,717
Oct-24	$122,500,587	$675,276	$123,175,863	$142,077,688	$18,901,826
Nov-24	$118,548,955	$389,592	$118,938,547	$137,582,288	$18,643,741
Dec-24	$122,500,587	$1,423,964	$123,924,551	$142,273,691	$18,349,140
Jan-25	$122,500,587	$3,351,831	$125,852,418	$141,776,870	$15,924,451
Feb-25	$110,645,692	$9,503,030	$120,148,721	$128,790,514	$8,641,793
Mar-25	$122,500,587	$1,258,883	$123,759,470	$141,476,041	$17,716,571
Apr-25	$118,548,955	$3,845,490	$122,394,445	$138,463,040	$16,068,595
May-25	$122,500,587	$367,497	$122,868,084	$143,447,210	$20,579,127
Summary For Planning Period 2024/2025					
Total	$1,442,345,621	$26,309,246	$1,468,654,867	$1,664,867,340	$196,212,473
Jun-25	$150,943,224	$12,903,832	$163,847,056	$170,292,924	$6,445,867
Jul-25	$155,974,665	$23,175,461	$179,150,126	$178,920,600	($229,526)
Aug-25	$155,974,665	$13,502,528	$169,477,193	$179,519,198	$10,042,005
Sep-25	$150,943,224	$952,098	$151,895,322	$174,046,010	$22,150,688
Oct-25	$155,974,665	$4,658,518	$160,633,183	$179,868,836	$19,235,654
Nov-25	$150,943,224	$5,780,545	$156,723,769	$173,946,507	$17,222,738
Dec-25	$155,974,665	$1,556,605	$157,531,270	$176,753,225	$19,221,956
Jan-26	$155,974,665	$6,173,623	$162,148,288	$180,118,776	$17,970,489
Feb-26	$140,880,342	$2,951,786	$143,832,128	$169,142,110	$25,309,981
Mar-26	$155,974,665	$4,313,687	$160,288,352	$194,725,363	$34,437,011
Apr-26	$150,943,224	$2,977,603	$153,920,827	$185,872,717	$31,951,890
May-26	$155,974,665	$2,716,717	$158,691,382	$194,873,387	$36,182,005
Summary For Planning Period 2025/2026					
Total	$1,836,475,891	$81,663,004	$1,918,138,895	$2,158,079,652	$239,940,758

Residual ARRs

Introduced August 1, 2012, Residual ARRs are available for eligible ARR holders when a transmission outage was modeled in the Annual ARR Allocation, but the transmission facility returns to service during the planning period. Residual ARRs can only be allocated to participants whose ARRs were prorated in Stage 1B and only to a maximum of the prorated reduction, so not all available Residual ARRs are allocated. Residual ARRs are automatically assigned to eligible participants the month before the effective date, are

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effective for a single month and cannot be self scheduled. Residual ARR target allocations are based on the clearing prices from FTR obligations for FTRs of the same period purchased in the relevant monthly auctions, may not exceed zonal network services peak load or firm transmission reservation levels and are only available up to the prorated ARR MW capacity as allocated in the Annual ARR Allocation. For the following planning period, these Residual ARRs are available as ARRs in the annual ARR allocation. Residual ARRs are a separate product from incremental ARRs. Beginning with the June 2017 monthly auction, Residual ARRs that would have cleared with a negative target allocation are not assigned to participants.[25] In prior planning periods, PJM's modeling of excess outages in order to manage FTR market outcomes resulted in the allocation of some ARRs that would have been allocated in Stage 1B being allocated as Residual ARRs on a month to month basis without the option to self schedule.

Table 13-11 shows the Residual ARRs allocated to participants and the associated target allocations. The available volume is the total additional capacity available to be allocated as Residual ARRs. The cleared volume is the residual ARR capacity actually allocated to participants with prorated ARRs based on the level of prorated ARRs in Stage 1B and the affected paths. In the 2025/2026 planning period, PJM allocated a total of 27,865.4 MW of Residual ARRs with a target allocation of $81.7 million. In the 2024/2025 planning period, PJM allocated a total of 36,097.6 MW of residual ARRs with a target allocation of $26.3 million. The 210.6 percent increase in target allocations for Residual ARRs without a corresponding increase in monthly FTR auction revenue (See Table 13-45) in the 2025/2026 planning period contributed to the ARR deficiency in July 2025.

25 See FERC Letter Order, Docket No. ER17-1057 (April 5, 2017).

Table 13-11 Residual ARR allocation volume and target allocation: 2014/2015 planning period through 2025/2026 planning period

Planning Period	Available Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume	Target Allocation
2014/2015	65,095.3	22,532.9	34.6%	$8,160,918
2015/2016	61,807.0	37,042.4	59.9%	$8,620,353
2016/2017	71,000.7	35,034.9	49.3%	$6,986,723
2017/2018	81,040.8	39,597.4	48.9%	$17,497,626
2018/2019	49,646.9	27,335.6	55.1%	$11,817,002
2019/2020	48,286.5	27,233.2	56.4%	$12,369,581
2020/2021	43,484.2	25,028.0	57.6%	$11,677,033
2021/2022	46,092.0	27,619.2	59.9%	$18,806,123
2022/2023	71,068.9	34,502.8	48.5%	$38,140,961
2023/2024	81,055.2	27,055.0	33.4%	$8,721,413
2024/2025	128,523.3	36,097.6	28.1%	$26,309,246
2025/2026	134,120.6	27,865.4	20.8%	$81,663,004

IARRs

In theory, Incremental Auction Revenue Rights (IARRs) are ARRs made available by physical transmission system upgrades from customer funded transmission projects or from merchant transmission or generation interconnection requests. In order for a transmission project to result in IARRs, the project must create simultaneously feasible incremental market flow capability in PJM's ARR market model, over and above all system capability being used by existing allocated ARRs and/or would be used by granting any prorated outstanding ARR requests, in the ARR market model.[26]

There are three sources of IARRs: IARRs based on a specific transmission investment; IARRs based on merchant transmission or generation interconnection projects; and IARRs based on RTEP upgrades. In the case of a specific transmission investment, the participant elects desired IARR MW between a specified source and sink and PJM and the affected transmission owners determine the upgrades necessary to create incremental capability. [27] In the other two cases, the participants paying for the upgrades are assigned IARRs if any are created. IARR requests have resulted in 12 unique source and sink combinations, totaling 1,887.2 MW of IARR paths.

26 See PJM Incremental Auction Revenue Rights Model Development and Analysis, PJM June 12, 2017. <https://www.pjm.com/~/media/markets-ops/ftr/pjm-iarr-model-development-and-analysis.ashx>.

27 See PJM OATT. Attachment EE <https://www.pjm.com/directory/merged-tariffs/oatt.pdf>.

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The MMU supports increased competition to provide transmission using market mechanisms. The IARR process is not a viable mechanism for facilitating competitive transmission investments. Maintaining the IARR process impedes the search for real solutions. PJM's process for creating and assigning IARRs is fundamentally flawed and cannot be made consistent with the requirements of Order No. 681 which established IARRs.[28]

Order No. 681 requires that long-term firm transmission rights made feasible by transmission upgrades or expansions be available upon request to the party that pays for such upgrades or expansions.[29] Order No. 681 also requires that the rights granted by upgrades/expansions cannot come at the expense of transmission rights held by others. IARRs are treated as Stage 1A rights, which are given first and absolute priority in PJM's annual allocation process. Granting Stage 1A status to IARRs is preferential treatment of IARR rights relative to the ARR rights belonging to load. If the annual market model used to assign existing ARR rights in a given year cannot simultaneously support all Stage 1A ARR requests, the system model is modified so as to make the Stage 1A ARR requests feasible. The result is an over allocation of congestion rights relative to expected congestion. To avoid having FTR target allocations exceed expected congestion, PJM reduces the annual supply (market model system capability) available to non-Stage 1A rights through selective line outages and line rating reductions. The resulting market model artificially supports all the Stage 1A ARR requests and artificially reduces the amount of remaining later tier ARRs from other rights holders. Stage 1A ARRs, including IARRs, are approved at the expense of other preexisting congestion rights. In the case of IARRs, this is in violation of Order No. 681.

The MMU recommends that IARRs be eliminated from the PJM tariff. If IARRs are not eliminated, the MMU recommends that IARRs be subject to prorating like all other ARR rights rather than being exempt from prorating.

28 See November 7, 2019 Comments on TranSource, LLC v. PJM, 168 FERC ¶ 61,119 (2019) ("Opinion No. 566").

29 *Long-Term Firm Transmission Rights in Organized Electricity Markets*, Order No. 681, 116 FERC ¶ 61,077 (2006) ("Order No. 681"), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 618-A, 117 FERC ¶ 61,201 (2006), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 681-A, 126 FERC ¶ 61,254 (2009).

Financial Transmission Rights

FTRs are financial instruments that entitle their holders to receive revenue or require them to pay charges based on locational congestion price differences in the day-ahead energy market across specific FTR transmission paths. These day-ahead congestion price differences (shadow prices), multiplied by the FTR position in MW, are termed the FTR target allocations. The FTR target allocations define the maximum, but not guaranteed, payout for FTRs. The target allocation of an FTR reflects the difference in day-ahead congestion prices (CLMPs) rather than the difference in LMPs, which includes both congestion and marginal losses. Negative target allocations require the FTR holder to make payments rather than receive revenues in the FTR market. One of the fundamental flaws in the FTR design is the mismatch between congestion and the differences in day-ahead prices between nodes. The difference in day-ahead congestion prices is not congestion. Target allocations are not congestion. It is this fundamental flaw that creates what PJM refers to as "underfunding" or "revenue inadequacy." If FTRs were the rights to congestion revenue, there could never be revenue inadequacy. Congestion payments to FTR holders would always exactly equal congestion revenues.

Under the current rules, the revenue available to pay FTR holders' target allocations in a given month includes day-ahead congestion, payments by holders of negatively valued FTRs, and FTR auction revenues greater than ARR target allocations. Any such revenue above FTR target allocations from prior months in a planning period are used to pay any current month shortfalls. Payments to FTR holders for each planning period cannot exceed the target allocations because the target allocations define the FTR product purchased. At the end of each planning period, any surplus revenue above the target allocations is distributed to ARR holders.

FTR funding is not on a path specific basis or on an hour to hour basis and treats all FTRs the same. For example, if the payout ratio is less than 1.0 at the end of the planning period, the payments to all FTRs are reduced. Payments are made pro rata based on target allocations. The result is widespread cross subsidies because assignment of path specific FTRs may exceed system capability and affect the payments to FTRs on other paths. FTR auction

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revenues and excess revenues are carried forward from prior months and distributed back from later months within a planning period. At the end of a planning period, if the total revenue is less than the total target allocations, an uplift charge is collected from any FTR market participants that hold FTRs for the planning period, based on their pro rata share of total net positive FTR target allocations, excluding any charge to FTR holders with a net negative FTR position for the planning period.

Auction market participants may offer to buy FTRs between any eligible pricing nodes on the system, as defined by PJM for each auction. For the Annual FTR Auction and FTRs bought in the monthly auctions, the available FTR source and sink points include hubs, control zones, aggregates, generator buses, load buses and interface pricing points. For the Long Term FTR Auction there is a smaller set of available hubs, control zones, aggregates, generator buses and interface pricing points available. PJM does not allow FTR buy bids to clear with a price of zero unless there is at least one constraint in the auction which affects the FTR path. FTRs are available to the nearest 0.1 MW.

FTRs are bought from supply defined by PJM. The fact that load is selling congestion revenue rights is not recognized in the FTR design, although FTR buyers can resell FTRs at a price they agree to accept. Load has no role in defining the price at which PJM sells FTRs on their behalf. Load has no role in deciding the total FTR MW to be sold. Load has no role in deciding whether to sell load's rights to congestion revenues. PJM's objective in the FTR auctions is to maximize auction revenue, based only on the total set of bid prices and bid MW, but absent reservation prices from load. The failure to allow sellers the ability to decide at what price to sell FTRs is a fundamental flaw in the FTR market. The result is that PJM cannot actually maximize auction net revenue and that the FTR market is not really a market.

Once bought from PJM, FTRs can be bought and sold. Buy bids are bids to buy FTRs in the auctions. Sell offers are offers to sell existing FTRs in the auctions.

Market participants can buy and sell existing FTRs, outside of the auction process, through a voluntary bulletin board, termed the PJM bilateral market. FTRs can also be exchanged bilaterally without using the bulletin board. Prior to June 30, 2024, there was no requirement to report accurate detailed information about bilateral transactions settled through PJM billing systems. Effective June 30, 2024, the Commission accepted PJM's proposed revisions to the rules that required the reporting of bilateral price information and corroborating contract documents of any bilateral change of FTR ownership between participants/accounts that is settled through PJM settlement systems.[30] Bilateral transactions remain dependent on the contract established between the parties. PJM has no knowledge of bilateral transactions, or the terms and risks of bilateral transactions, that are done outside of PJM's bilateral market system.

Supply and Demand

Total FTR supply in each auction as defined by PJM is limited by the definition of the transmission system capacity included in the PJM FTR market model as modified, for example, by PJM assumptions about transmission outages, for which there are no clear rules. PJM may also limit available transmission capacity through subjective judgment exercised without any clear guidelines.

The FTR auction process does not account for the fact that significant transmission outages, which have not been provided to PJM by transmission owners prior to the auction date, will occur during the periods covered by the auctions. Such transmission outages may or may not be planned in advance or may be emergency outages.[31] In addition, it is difficult to model in an annual auction two outages of similar significance and similar duration in different areas which do not overlap in time. The choice of which to model will generally have significant distributional consequences; they will affect different areas very differently. The fact that outages are modeled at significantly lower than historical levels results in selling too much FTR capacity, which creates downward pressure on ARR prices. To address this issue within the existing design, the MMU recommends that PJM use probabilistic outage modeling to better align the supply of ARRs and FTRs with actual expected transmission capacity.

30 *See* 187 FERC ¶ 61,020.

31 See the *2022 Annual State of the Market Report for PJM*, Volume 2, Section 12: Transmission Facility Outages: Transmission Facility Outages Analysis for the FTR Market.

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Long Term FTR Auctions

In July 2006, FERC approved Order No. 681 mandating the creation of long term firm transmission rights in transmission organizations with organized electricity markets. FERC's goal was that "load serving entities be able to request and obtain transmission rights up to a reasonable amount on a long-term firm basis, instead of being limited to obtaining exclusively annual rights."[32] Despite that order and inconsistent with the directive in that order, LSEs are not able to request ARRs nor are LSEs guaranteed rights to the revenue from Long Term FTR Auctions in PJM's long term FTR auction market design. Excess system capability in years two and three of the long term FTR auction is never made available to load in the form of ARRs and is only made available to FTR buyers.

PJM conducts the Long Term FTR Auction for the next three consecutive planning periods. The Long Term FTR Auction consists of five rounds beginning in June of the preceding planning period and continuing through March. FTRs purchased in prior rounds or Long Term Auctions may be offered for sale in subsequent rounds of the long term, annual or monthly FTR auctions. FTRs obtained in the Long Term FTR Auctions have terms of one year. FTR products available in the Long Term Auction include 24 hour, on peak and off peak FTR obligations, with FTR options unavailable in the Long Term FTR Auctions.

Beginning with Round 2 of the 2019/2022 Long Term FTR Auction, PJM implemented revisions to the determination of residual system capability made available in the Long Term FTR Auctions, and eliminated the YRALL product, consistent with the MMU's recommendation. The revisions affect the determination of ARR rights reserved for ARR holders. Rather than simply preserving the ARR cleared capacity from the previous annual allocation, PJM reruns the simultaneous feasibility test for the ARR/FTR market model, without outages, using the previous year's ARR requests, prorated when necessary, and uses the resulting ARRs as the basis for reserving capability for ARR holders in the Long Term FTR Auction. The ARR requests are greater than the previously cleared ARRs. The difference between the requested ARRs and the ARR/FTR market model's transmission system capacity, both without outages, determines the residual capability offered in the Long Term FTR Auction. The revisions provide ARR holders with more congestion rights in the Long Term FTR Auction that will carry into the Annual FTR Auction.

But the revisions do not address the congestion revenue rights sold in years two and three of the Long Term FTR Auction, which remain unavailable to ARRs. As a result, the rights to significant congestion revenues are still assigned to the Long Term FTR Auction without ever having been made available to ARR holders. That outcome is inconsistent with the basic logic of ARRs and inconsistent with the stated intent of the market design which is to return all congestion revenues to load.

Long Term FTR Auction transmission capacity is determined by removing all outages and running an offline model of the previous Annual FTR Auction model with all ARR bids from the prior annual ARR allocation. Any ARR MW that clear in this offline model are reserved for ARR holders in the relevant planning periods, and are removed from the Long Term FTR Auction capability. Even this approach does not, and cannot, preserve all congestion revenues for ARR holders in the first year of the Long Term Auction due to changes in system topology and outage selection between planning periods. PJM outage assumptions are a key factor in determining the supply of ARRs and the related supply of FTRs in the Annual FTR Auction.

Annual FTR Auctions

Annual FTRs are effective for an entire planning period, June 1 through May 31. Outages expected to last two or more months, as well as any outages of a shorter duration that PJM decides would cause FTR revenue inadequacy if not modeled, are included in the determination of the simultaneous feasibility for the Annual FTR Auction.[33] While the full list of outages selected is publicly posted, PJM exercises significant subjective judgment in selecting outages to accomplish FTR revenue adequacy goals and the process by which these outages are selected is not clear, is not defined and is not documented. ARR holders who wish to self schedule must inform PJM prior to round one of the annual auction. Any self scheduled ARR requests clear 25 percent of the requested volume in each round of the Annual FTR Auction as price takers.

32 Order No. 681 at P 17.

33 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025).

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The Annual FTR Auction consists of four rounds that allow any PJM member to bid for any FTR or to offer for sale any FTR that they currently hold. FTRs in the auctions include obligations and options and 24 hour, peak, off peak, and weekend peak products. FTRs purchased in one round of the Annual FTR Auction can be sold in later rounds or in the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions.

Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions

Total Monthly FTR Auction capacity is based on the residual capacity available after the Long Term and Annual FTR auctions are conducted and adjustments are made to outages to reflect anticipated system conditions for the time periods auctioned. Outages expected to last five or more days are included in the determination of the simultaneous feasibility test for the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction. These are single round monthly auctions that allow any transmission service customer or PJM member to bid for any FTR or to offer for sale any FTR that they currently hold. Beginning with the 2020/2021 planning period, market participants can bid for or offer monthly FTRs for any of the remaining individual calendar months in the planning period. FTRs in the auctions include obligations and options and 24 hour, peak, off peak, and weekend peak products.[34]

Bilateral Market

Market participants can buy and sell existing FTRs, outside of the auction process, through a voluntary bulletin board, termed the PJM bilateral market. FTRs can also be exchanged bilaterally without using the bulletin board. Bilateral transactions that are not done through PJM can involve parties that are not PJM members. PJM has no knowledge of bilateral transactions, or the terms and risks of bilateral transactions, that are done outside of PJM's bilateral market system. Prior to June 30, 2024, there was no requirement to report accurate detailed information about bilateral transactions settled through PJM billing systems. Effective June 30, 2024, the Commission accepted PJM's proposed revisions to the rules that required the reporting of bilateral price information and corroborating contract documents of any bilateral change of FTR ownership between participants/accounts that is settled through PJM settlement systems.[35] Bilateral transactions remain dependent on the contract established between the parties.

For bilateral trades reported to PJM, the FTR transmission path must remain the same, FTR obligations must remain obligations, and FTR options must remain options. However, an individual FTR may be split up into multiple, smaller FTRs, down to increments of 0.1 MW. Bilateral FTRs reported to PJM can also include more restrictive start and end times, meaning that the start time cannot be earlier than the original FTR start time and the end time cannot be later than the original FTR end time. Once the bilateral transaction is reported to PJM, PJM transfers ownership and adjusts credit requirements accordingly. Participants have used bilateral trades reported to PJM to reduce their credit requirements.

PJM's revised rules related to bilateral contracts fail to address the impact of PJM's indemnification rules. PJM stated that the "maintenance of the assumption of risk and costs is not a continuing interest in the FTR once sold; a continuing interest would be a right or benefit with respect to the subject FTR that survives the bilateral transaction." Contrary to logic, PJM asserts that only positive interests count as interests. Assumption of risks and costs of an FTR is, by definition, assumption of a financial interest in an FTR. When a participant buys an FTR in an auction, they assume the risks and costs of the FTR. Under PJM's indemnification rules the participant that bilaterally trades an FTR retains risks and costs associated with that FTR. Under PJM's indemnification rules, a bilateral seller of an FTR therefore has a continuing direct financial interest in that FTR and a direct financial interest in the credit and collateral of the buyer.

PJM's FTR market is the most transparent of all PJM markets. The facilitation of confidential bilateral transactions undercuts that transparency and therefore the efficiency of the FTR market. The bilateral information would be provided solely to PJM and not to the market. Transparency for PJM alone is not market transparency. The facilitation of confidential bilateral transactions does nothing to advance or improve the basic function of FTR markets.

34 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025).

35 *See* 187 FERC ¶ 61,020.

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There is no reason to continue to permit bilateral transactions outside the PJM FTR market. The MMU recommends that the bilateral FTR transactions market be eliminated and that all FTR transactions should take place in the FTR auctions, in order to provide full transparency, effective price discovery, and to minimize risk to market participants and PJM members.[36] The bilateral FTR market provides a PJM facilitated mechanism that undermines transparency for market participants and for loads whose congestion revenues fund FTRs. Bilateral FTR trading outside of PJM's transparent FTR market is inefficient, inconsistent with the basic structure and purpose of the PJM FTR market, and creates unnecessary credit risk.

Market Structure

In order to evaluate the ownership of FTRs, the MMU categorizes all participants owning FTRs in PJM as either physical or financial. The MMU modified the method for categorizing participants as physical and financial participants. Prior to the *2025 Quarterly State of the Market Report for PJM: January through March,* participants were defined as either physical or financial at an organization level. Under the modified approach, physical entities are defined as individual accounts in PJM's settlement systems that take physical positions in PJM markets and typically include utilities and customers. Financial entities are defined as individual accounts in PJM's settlement systems that take financial positions in PJM markets and typically include banks and trading firms.

Table 13-12 shows the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction market cleared FTRs by trade type, organization type and FTR direction. The results show that financial entities purchased 94.9 percent of prevailing flow buy bid FTRs and 96.8 percent of counter flow buy bid FTRs with the result that financial entities purchased 95.8 percent of all long term FTR auction cleared buy bids. Physical entities purchased 4.2 percent of all cleared long term FTRs in the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction, down 1.1 percentage points from the previous Long Term FTR Auction.

Table 13-12 Long term FTR auction patterns of ownership by FTR direction: 2026/2029 auction

		FTR Direction		
Trade Type	Organization Type	Prevailing Flow	Counter Flow	All
Buy Bids	Physical	5.1%	3.2%	4.2%
	Financial	94.9%	96.8%	95.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sell Offers	Physical	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
	Financial	100.0%	99.9%	100.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 13-13 shows the HHI for the individual periods in the 2017/2020 through 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auctions and the entire auction. The YRALL auction was highly concentrated until its removal in the 2020/2023 Long Term Auction. The individual annual auctions are unconcentrated with the exception of years two and three of the 2017/2020 Auction and year three of the 2023/2026 Auction.

Table 13-13 Long term HHIs by auction

Auction	YR1	YR2	YR3	YRALL	Entire Auction
17/20 Long Term Auction	779	1779	1354	8533	884
18/21 Long Term Auction	711	940	749	8654	693
19/22 Long Term Auction	492	647	768	9954	506
20/23 Long Term Auction	567	575	638	NA	463
21/24 Long Term Auction	495	535	767	NA	460
22/25 Long Term Auction	518	626	888	NA	598
23/26 Long Term Auction	496	713	1049	NA	644
24/27 Long Term Auction	473	656	949	NA	592
25/28 Long Term Auction	485	603	786	NA	553
26/29 Long Term Auction	502	643	720	NA	576

36 See Protest of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. ER24-374-000 (November 30, 2023); Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. ER24-374-000 (February 6, 2024).

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Table 13-14 shows the annual FTR auction cleared FTRs for the 2026/2027 planning period by trade type, organization type and FTR direction. In the Annual FTR Auction for the 2026/2027 planning period, financial entities purchased 88.2 percent of prevailing flow FTRs, down 1.4 percentage points, and 95.9 percent of counter flow FTRs, down 1.9 percentage points, with the results that financial entities purchased 91.2 percent, unchanged, of all annual FTR auction cleared buy bids for the 2026/2027 planning period.

Table 13-14 Annual FTR Auction patterns of ownership by FTR direction: 2026/2027 planning period

			FTR Direction		
Trade Type	Organization Type	Self-Scheduled FTRs	Prevailing Flow	Counter Flow	All
Buy Bids	Physical	Yes	4.0%	0.3%	2.5%
		No	7.8%	3.8%	6.3%
		Total	11.8%	4.1%	8.8%
	Financial	No	88.2%	95.9%	91.2%
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sell Offers	Physical		1.6%	2.3%	1.9%
	Financial		98.4%	97.7%	98.1%
	Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 13-15 shows the HHI values for cleared buy and self scheduled bids for the 2016/2017 through 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auctions. Obligation buy bids are consistently unconcentrated, while Option buy bids are unconcentrated to moderately concentrated. Cleared self scheduled bids are always highly concentrated.

Table 13-15 Annual auction HHIs by auction

Auction	Offset Type	Trade Type	HHI
26/27 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	471
	Obligation	SelfScheduled	2,361
	Option	Buy	1,143
25/26 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	425
	Obligation	SelfScheduled	2,650
	Option	Buy	815
24/25 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	399
	Obligation	Self Scheduled	2,975
	Option	Buy	822
23/24 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	425
	Obligation	Self Scheduled	2,595
	Option	Buy	1,220
22/23 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	424
	Obligation	Self Scheduled	3,398
	Option	Buy	884
21/22 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	420
	Obligation	Self Scheduled	3,291
	Option	Buy	957
20/21 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	278
	Obligation	Self Scheduled	2,970
	Option	Buy	1,299
19/20 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	251
	Obligation	Self Scheduled	2,661
	Option	Buy	978
18/19 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	357
	Obligation	Self Scheduled	2,620
	Option	Buy	1,213
17/18 Annual Auction	Obligation	Buy	303
	Obligation	Self Scheduled	2,794
	Option	Buy	2,099

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Table 13-16 presents the monthly balance of planning period FTR auction cleared FTRs for the 2025/2026 planning period by trade type, organization type and FTR direction. Financial entities purchased 95.5 percent of prevailing flow FTRs, up 2.1 percentage points, and 97.9 percent of counter flow FTRs, up 1.2 percentage points, from the 2024/2025 planning period, with the result that financial entities purchased 96.6 percent, up 1.7 percentage points, of all prevailing and counter flow FTR buy bids in the monthly balance of planning period FTR auction for the 2025/2026 planning period.

Table 13-16 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction patterns of ownership by FTR direction: 2025/2026 planning period

		FTR Direction		
Trade Type	Organization Type	Prevailing Flow	Counter Flow	All
Buy Bids	Physical	4.5%	2.1%	3.4%
	Financial	95.5%	97.9%	96.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sell	Physical	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
	Financial	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 13-17 shows the monthly cumulative HHI values for cleared obligation MW for the 2025/2026 planning period monthly auctions for prevailing flow FTRs. Ownership of cleared prevailing flow bids was unconcentrated in 100 percent of auction periods.[37]

Table 13-17 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction HHIs by period for prevailing flow FTRs

	Auction Period											
Auction	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Jun-25	470	486	481	623	793	704	615	580	586	732	731	812
Jul-25		479	498	613	718	673	619	606	590	665	639	736
Aug-25			479	690	742	749	687	606	587	723	695	833
Sep-25				593	730	757	693	588	592	750	736	876
Oct-25					588	770	685	585	598	753	765	902
Nov-25						643	690	591	608	769	798	936
Dec-25							614	600	634	806	829	956
Jan-26								559	644	814	809	953
Feb-26									563	795	794	915
Mar-26										692	744	870
Apr-26											661	837
May-26												745

37 See *2025 Annual State of the Market Report for PJM,* Volume 2, Section 3: Energy Market, Competitive Assessment for HHI definitions.

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Table 13-18 shows the monthly cumulative HHI values for cleared obligation MW for the 2025/2026 planning period monthly auctions by month for counter flow FTRs. Ownership of cleared counter flow bids was unconcentrated in 69.2 percent of periods and moderately concentrated in 30.8 percent of auction periods.

Table 13-18 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction HHIs by period for counter flow FTRs

	Auction Period											
Auction	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Jun-25	694	736	769	991	1073	1025	1079	1020	1123	1030	1185	1156
Jul-25		597	790	943	1027	1004	1000	1061	1042	1013	1155	1096
Aug-25			672	914	991	983	960	1041	1014	962	1064	1042
Sep-25				686	939	934	903	1014	988	963	1036	1009
Oct-25					733	889	895	1013	989	945	1008	970
Nov-25						722	856	965	965	932	963	942
Dec-25							700	925	941	930	964	935
Jan-26								740	892	888	940	918
Feb-26									781	885	951	920
Mar-26										772	907	895
Apr-26											807	900
May-26												817

Table 13-19 shows the average daily FTR ownership for all FTRs for the 2025/2026 planning period by organization type, by FTR direction and self scheduled FTRs. Financial entities owned 83.0 percent of all prevailing flow FTR MW, up 0.5 percentage points, and 96.0 percent of all counterflow FTR MW, up 1.3 percentage points, from the 2024/2025 planning period, with the result that financial entities purchased 89.2 percent, up 1.1 percentage points, of all prevailing flow and counter flow FTR MW for FTRs effective in the 2025/2026 planning period.

Table 13-19 Daily FTR held position ownership by FTR direction: June through May, 2025/2026 planning period

	FTR Direction		
Organization Type	Prevailing Flow	Counter Flow	All
Physical	10.7%	4.0%	7.5%
Physical Self Scheduled	6.3%	0.0%	3.3%
Financial	83.0%	96.0%	89.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Market Performance

Volume

PJM regularly intervenes in the FTR market based on subjective judgment which is not based on clear or documented guidelines. Such intervention in the FTR market, or any market, is not appropriate and not consistent with the operation of competitive markets. In an apparent effort to manage FTR revenues, PJM may adjust normal transmission limits in the FTR auction model. If, in PJM's judgment, the normal transmission limit is not consistent with revenue adequacy goals and simultaneous feasibility, then transmission limits are reduced pro rata based on the MW of Stage 1A infeasibility and the availability of auction bids for counter flow FTRs.[38] PJM may also remove or reduce infeasibilities caused by transmission outages by clearing counter flow bids without being required to clear the corresponding prevailing flow bids.[39] The use of both of these procedures is contingent on the conditions that: PJM actions not affect the revenue adequacy of allocated ARRs; all requested self scheduled FTRs clear; and net FTR auction revenue is positive.

Long Term FTR Auction

In the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction, 605,041 MW (25.6 percent of bid volume; 48.5 percent of total FTR volume) of counter flow FTR buy bids cleared, an increase in MW from 465,963 MW and a decrease in share from 50.4 percent of total FTR volume compared to the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction. In the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction, prevailing flow FTR buy bids cleared 642,434 MW (13.0 percent of bid volume; 51.5 percent of total FTR volume) an increase in MW from 457,906 MW and an increase in share from 49.6 percent of total FTR volume. In the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction, 119,069 MW (10.4 percent) of counter flow sell offers and 215,417 MW (17.8 percent) of prevailing flow sell offers cleared.

38 See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025).
39 See *id.*

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Table 13-20 Long Term FTR Auction market volume: 2026/2029 auction

Trade Type	FTR Direction	Period Type	Bid and Requested Count	Bid and Requested Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume	Uncleared Volume (MW)	Uncleared Volume
Buy bids	Counter Flow	Year 1	242,882	904,881	259,015	28.6%	645,866	71.4%
		Year 2	201,983	772,574	195,474	25.3%	577,100	74.7%
		Year 3	194,874	684,050	150,553	22.0%	533,497	78.0%
		Total	639,739	2,361,505	605,041	25.6%	1,756,464	74.4%
	Prevailing Flow	Year 1	495,020	2,138,961	293,087	13.7%	1,845,874	86.3%
		Year 2	333,220	1,529,406	203,042	13.3%	1,326,364	86.7%
		Year 3	296,538	1,289,508	146,305	11.3%	1,143,203	88.7%
		Total	1,124,778	4,957,875	642,434	13.0%	4,315,441	87.0%
	Total		1,764,517	7,319,380	1,247,475	17.0%	6,071,905	83.0%
Sell offers	Counter Flow	Year 1	142,853	541,294	62,573	11.6%	478,721	88.4%
		Year 2	110,799	446,081	42,115	9.4%	403,966	90.6%
		Year 3	48,342	155,997	14,381	9.2%	141,617	90.8%
		Total	301,994	1,143,373	119,069	10.4%	1,024,303	89.6%
	Prevailing Flow	Year 1	164,207	662,404	126,143	19.0%	536,261	81.0%
		Year 2	104,953	419,806	69,119	16.5%	350,687	83.5%
		Year 3	40,479	128,925	20,156	15.6%	108,769	84.4%
		Total	309,639	1,211,134	215,417	17.8%	995,717	82.2%
	Total		611,633	2,354,507	334,486	14.2%	2,020,021	85.8%

Figure 13-2 shows the percent of FTR MW cleared, and bid and cleared volume, by direction, for each round of the Long Term FTR Auction from the 2015/2018 through the 2026/2029 auctions.

Figure 13-2 Long Term FTR Auction bid and cleared volume by round and direction

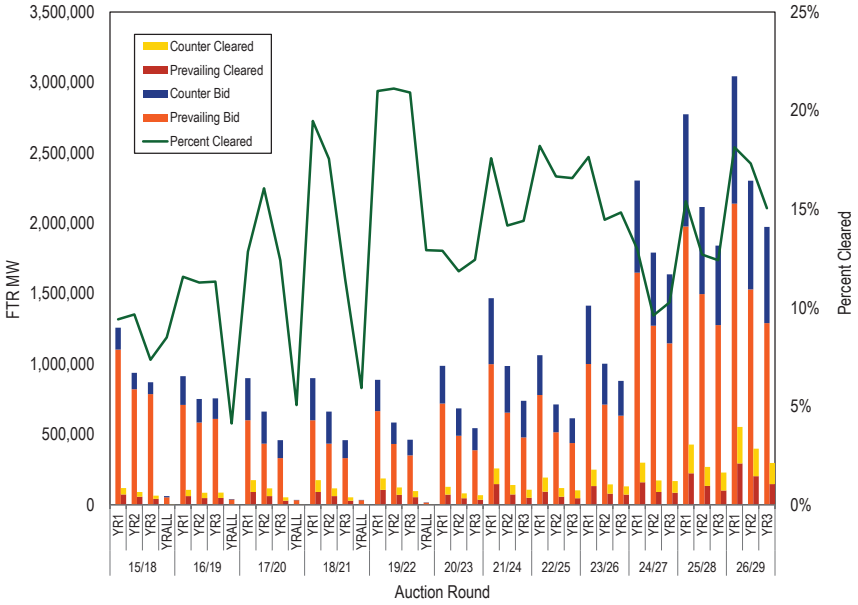

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Table 13-21 compares cleared FTR obligations (not options) acquired in the Long Term FTR Auctions to the total cleared FTR obligations from the Annual FTR Auction, for FTRs in the 2014/2015 through 2026/2027 planning periods. A three year FTR is distributed to each individual planning period during its three year effective period. Long term FTRs that are effective in a single planning period were an average of 40.8 percent of total FTR volume in the 2014/2015 through 2026/2027 planning periods.

Table 13-21 Long Term and Annual Auction total cleared FTR MW

	Long Term FTR Product (Including YRALL)			Obligation Volume (MW)		
Effective Planning Period	YR3	YR2	YR1	Total Long Term	Annual (including self scheduled)	Long Term Percent of Total Cleared
2014/2015	81,666	86,754	131,911	300,330	356,522	45.7%
2015/2016	89,419	99,329	123,400	312,148	355,682	46.7%
2016/2017	97,837	95,637	107,182	300,656	397,258	43.1%
2017/2018	69,161	86,323	108,126	263,609	493,683	34.8%
2018/2019	87,232	109,827	176,998	374,057	549,669	40.5%
2019/2020	80,947	118,112	188,438	387,496	576,937	40.2%
2020/2021	54,451	125,330	127,054	306,835	525,550	36.9%
2021/2022	98,829	80,998	205,008	384,835	512,449	42.9%
2022/2023	67,603	120,621	193,268	381,492	467,194	45.0%
2023/2024	100,973	118,618	249,482	469,073	770,310	37.8%
2024/2025	101,674	144,699	298,773	545,146	944,669	36.6%
2025/2026	130,392	171,988	427,073	729,453	1,219,310	37.4%
2026/2027	167,911	268,413	552,102	988,425	1,175,383	45.7%

Table 13-22 shows the MW proportion of FTRs by source and sink node type for cleared buy bids in the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction. Generator to generator FTRs comprise 64.9 percent of all cleared FTR buy bids, up 1.4 percentage points from the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction.

Table 13-22 Long Term FTR node type matrix: 2026/2029 auction

	Sink Type						
Source Type	Aggregate	Generator	Hub	Interface	Load	Residual Metered Aggregate	Zone
Aggregate	1.2%	7.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Generator	6.7%	64.9%	1.5%	0.9%	1.0%	1.4%	2.1%
Hub	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	1.5%
Interface	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Load	0.2%	0.8%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Residual Metered Aggregate	0.5%	1.9%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Zone	0.3%	1.4%	1.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	1.4%

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Annual FTR Auction

Table 13-23 shows the annual FTR auction market volume for the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction. Total FTR buy bids were 4,353,340 MW, down 34.3 percent from 6,628,872 MW for the previous Annual FTR Auction. For the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction 1,241,435 MW (28.5 percent) of buy bids cleared, down 4.1 percent from 1,294,688 MW (19.5 percent) for the previous Annual FTR Auction. There were 2,031,149 MW of sell offers, up 19.8 percent from 1,695,004 for the previous Annual FTR Auction. For the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction 246,294 MW (12.1 percent) of sell offers cleared, up 34.3 percent from 183,410 (10.8 percent) for the previous Annual FTR Auction. The total volume of cleared buy and self scheduled bids was 1,273,931 MW, down 3.8 percent from 1,324,299 MW in the previous Annual FTR Auction.

Table 13-23 Annual FTR Auction market volume: 2025/2026 auction

Trade Type	Type	FTR Direction	Bid and Requested Count	Bid and Requested Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume	Uncleared Volume (MW)	Uncleared Volume
Buy bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	330,275	1,095,293	489,665	44.7%	605,628	55.3%
		Prevailing Flow	696,794	2,584,916	653,222	25.3%	1,931,695	74.7%
		Total	1,027,069	3,680,209	1,142,887	31.1%	2,537,323	68.9%
	Options	Counter Flow	0	0	0	NA	0	NA
		Prevailing Flow	100,085	673,131	98,549	14.6%	574,582	85.4%
		Total	100,085	673,131	98,549	14.6%	574,582	85.4%
	Total	Counter Flow	330,275	1,095,293	489,665	44.7%	605,628	55.3%
		Prevailing Flow	796,879	3,258,047	751,770	23.1%	2,506,277	76.9%
		Total	1,127,154	4,353,340	1,241,435	28.5%	3,111,905	71.5%
Self-scheduled bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	188	1,370	1,370	100.0%	0	0.0%
		Prevailing Flow	8,424	31,125	31,125	100.0%	0	0.0%
		Total	8,612	32,496	32,496	100.0%	0	0.0%
Buy and self-scheduled bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	330,463	1,096,664	491,036	44.8%	605,628	55.2%
		Prevailing Flow	705,218	2,616,042	684,347	26.2%	1,931,695	73.8%
		Total	1,035,681	3,712,705	1,175,383	31.7%	2,537,323	68.3%
	Options	Counter Flow	0	0	0	NA	0	NA
		Prevailing Flow	100,085	673,131	98,549	14.6%	574,582	85.4%
		Total	100,085	673,131	98,549	14.6%	574,582	85.4%
	Total	Counter Flow	330,463	1,096,664	491,036	44.8%	605,628	55.2%
		Prevailing Flow	805,303	3,289,172	782,896	23.8%	2,506,277	76.2%
		Total	1,135,766	4,385,836	1,273,931	29.0%	3,111,905	71.0%
Sell offers	Obligations	Counter Flow	221,378	893,852	100,494	11.2%	793,358	88.8%
		Prevailing Flow	232,670	1,095,843	143,648	13.1%	952,195	86.9%
		Total	454,048	1,989,696	244,142	12.3%	1,745,554	87.7%
	Options	Counter Flow	0	0	0	NA	0	NA
		Prevailing Flow	6,867	41,454	2,152	5.2%	39,302	94.8%
		Total	6,867	41,454	2,152	5.2%	39,302	94.8%
	Total	Counter Flow	221,378	893,852	100,494	11.2%	793,358	88.8%
		Prevailing Flow	239,537	1,137,297	145,800	12.8%	991,497	87.2%
		Total	460,915	2,031,149	246,294	12.1%	1,784,855	87.9%

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Figure 13-3 shows the percent of FTR MW cleared and bid and cleared volume, by direction, for each round of the Annual FTR Auction from the 2015/2016 planning period through the 2026/2027 planning period.

Figure 13-3 Annual FTR Auction bid and cleared volume by round and direction

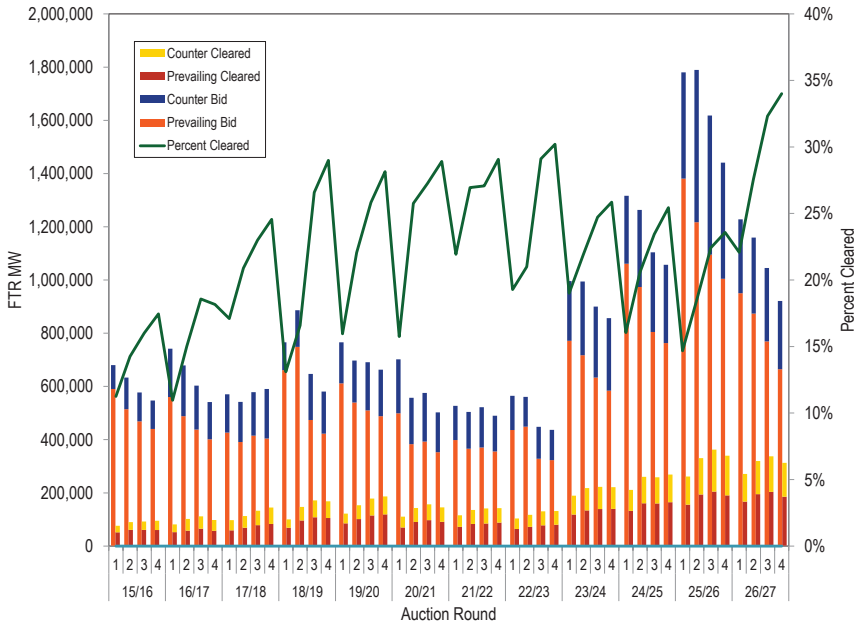

Figure 13-4 shows the proportion of ARRs self scheduled as FTRs for the last sixteen planning periods. The maximum possible level of self scheduled FTRs is equal to total ARRs. Eligible participants self scheduled 62,496 MW (26.5 percent) of ARRs as FTRs for the 2026/2027 planning period, compared to 32,496 MW (26.5 percent) in the previous planning period.

Figure 13-4 Comparison of self scheduled FTRs: 2009/2010 through 2026/2027 planning periods

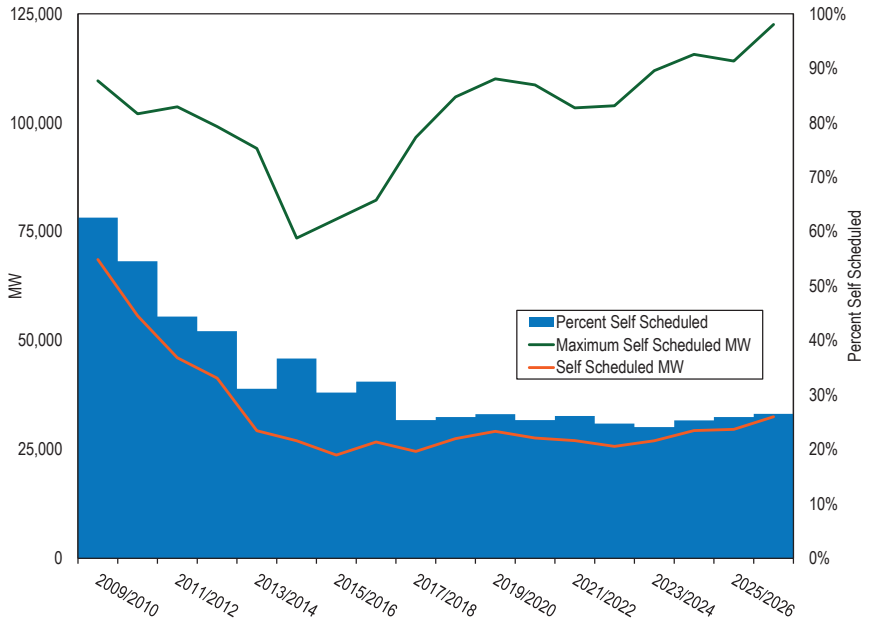

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Table 13-24 shows the MW proportion of FTRs by source and sink node type for cleared buy and self scheduled bids in the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction.

Generator to generator FTRs comprise 58.1 percent of all cleared FTR buy and self scheduled bids in the 2026/2027 Annual Auction, down 2.0 percentage points from the previous planning period. Generator to generator FTRs make up a disproportionate share of total FTRs. Congestion results from load paying more for generation than generators receive. By definition, congestion is between generator sources and load sinks. Generator to generator paths do not represent the delivery of generation to load. FTRs between generators simply create a speculative opportunity because they can be a low cost or zero cost FTR in the current design with a significant payoff if there is a price difference between the two nodes.

The MMU recommends that PJM examine the source and sink node combinations available in the FTR market and eliminate generation to generation paths and all other paths that do not represent the delivery of power to load.

Table 13-24 Annual auction FTR node type matrix by proportion of MW: 2025/2026 auction

	Sink Type						
Source Type	Aggregate	Generator	Hub	Interface	Load	Residual Metered Aggregate	Zone
Aggregate	1.8%	6.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%
Generator	11.0%	58.1%	2.5%	0.6%	0.1%	4.0%	5.9%
Hub	0.2%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	1.3%
Interface	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Load	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Residual Metered Aggregate	0.3%	1.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Zone	0.4%	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.9%

Monthly Balance of Planning Period Auctions

Table 13-25 provides the monthly balance of planning period FTR auction market volume for the 2025/2026 and 2024/2025 planning periods. There were 63,410,958 MW of FTR obligation buy bids and 60,527,379 MW of FTR obligation sell offers for all bidding periods in the 2025/2026 planning period.[40] The monthly balance of planning period FTR auction cleared 15,413,532 (24.3 percent) of FTR obligation buy bids and 8,999,735 MW (14.9 percent) of FTR obligation sell offers.

There were 26,136,580 MW of FTR option buy bids and 6,002,498 MW of FTR option sell offers for all bidding periods in the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions for the 2025/2026 planning period. The monthly balance of planning period FTR auction auctions cleared 784,839 MW (3.0 percent) of FTR option buy bids and 1,330,803 MW (22.2 percent) of FTR option sell offers.

40 The term obligation is used only to distinguish FTRs from options.

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Table 13-25 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction market volume: June 2025 through May 2026

Monthly Auction	Type	Trade Type	Bid and Requested Count	Bid and Requested Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume (MW)	Cleared Volume	Uncleared Volume (MW)	Uncleared Volume
Jun-25	Obligations	Buy bids	1,524,117	10,459,179	1,857,497	17.8%	8,601,683	82.2%
		Sell offers	1,672,291	7,831,025	1,599,672	20.4%	6,231,353	79.6%
	Options	Buy bids	265,505	4,907,680	142,485	2.9%	4,765,195	97.1%
		Sell offers	151,286	726,502	183,122	25.2%	543,380	74.8%
Jul-25	Obligations	Buy bids	1,461,684	9,825,906	2,030,984	20.7%	7,794,922	79.3%
		Sell offers	1,608,014	7,053,811	1,108,932	15.7%	5,944,879	84.3%
	Options	Buy bids	192,280	4,109,077	129,501	3.2%	3,979,576	96.8%
		Sell offers	167,051	839,164	151,938	18.1%	687,226	81.9%
Aug-25	Obligations	Buy bids	1,389,431	7,505,218	1,905,638	25.4%	5,599,580	74.6%
		Sell offers	1,454,737	6,916,441	887,665	12.8%	6,028,776	87.2%
	Options	Buy bids	148,953	3,021,657	94,914	3.1%	2,926,743	96.9%
		Sell offers	146,719	772,381	144,017	18.6%	628,365	81.4%
Sep-25	Obligations	Buy bids	1,224,942	6,808,072	1,753,024	25.7%	5,055,048	74.3%
		Sell offers	1,374,215	6,887,734	885,108	12.9%	6,002,626	87.1%
	Options	Buy bids	128,052	2,275,607	96,071	4.2%	2,179,536	95.8%
		Sell offers	135,829	703,499	128,738	18.3%	574,761	81.7%
Oct-25	Obligations	Buy bids	1,113,435	6,235,731	1,597,537	25.6%	4,638,195	74.4%
		Sell offers	1,260,502	6,508,856	760,306	11.7%	5,748,550	88.3%
	Options	Buy bids	106,509	2,321,999	66,598	2.9%	2,255,401	97.1%
		Sell offers	116,305	629,172	114,934	18.3%	514,238	81.7%
Nov-25	Obligations	Buy bids	992,819	5,651,963	1,407,040	24.9%	4,244,923	75.1%
		Sell offers	1,070,635	5,962,898	812,119	13.6%	5,150,779	86.4%
	Options	Buy bids	87,908	1,968,750	53,602	2.7%	1,915,148	97.3%
		Sell offers	103,859	570,872	110,578	19.4%	460,294	80.6%
Dec-25	Obligations	Buy bids	826,687	4,543,634	1,178,819	25.9%	3,364,815	74.1%
		Sell offers	960,553	5,377,220	736,306	13.7%	4,640,914	86.3%
	Options	Buy bids	71,601	1,939,135	51,101	2.6%	1,888,034	97.4%
		Sell offers	84,988	507,706	127,413	25.1%	380,293	74.9%
Jan-26	Obligations	Buy bids	734,406	3,462,240	981,515	28.3%	2,480,725	71.7%
		Sell offers	775,539	4,612,198	688,668	14.9%	3,923,531	85.1%
	Options	Buy bids	82,379	1,739,393	39,408	2.3%	1,699,985	97.7%
		Sell offers	68,387	410,084	89,250	21.8%	320,834	78.2%
Feb-26	Obligations	Buy bids	616,966	2,977,742	865,735	29.1%	2,112,007	70.9%
		Sell offers	663,526	3,804,169	574,018	15.1%	3,230,151	84.9%
	Options	Buy bids	64,142	1,361,817	37,763	2.8%	1,324,055	97.2%
		Sell offers	56,167	347,404	81,688	23.5%	265,715	76.5%
Mar-26	Obligations	Buy bids	506,097	2,542,126	789,773	31.1%	1,752,353	68.9%
		Sell offers	491,025	2,814,840	435,468	15.5%	2,379,372	84.5%
	Options	Buy bids	44,982	1,184,644	38,397	3.2%	1,146,248	96.8%
		Sell offers	39,380	262,308	88,966	33.9%	173,342	66.1%
Apr-26	Obligations	Buy bids	401,106	1,928,736	583,211	30.2%	1,345,525	69.8%
		Sell offers	311,590	1,839,837	314,060	17.1%	1,525,777	82.9%
	Options	Buy bids	36,466	901,084	29,212	3.2%	871,872	96.8%
		Sell offers	24,092	170,723	76,367	44.7%	94,357	55.3%
May-26	Obligations	Buy bids	294,847	1,470,409	462,760	31.5%	1,007,650	68.5%
		Sell offers	157,589	918,349	197,412	21.5%	720,936	78.5%
	Options	Buy bids	6,813	405,737	5,786	1.4%	399,951	98.6%
		Sell offers	8,135	62,684	33,793	53.9%	28,891	46.1%
2024/2025	Obligations	Buy bids	10,250,462	51,695,684	10,486,345	20.3%	41,209,339	79.7%
		Sell offers	10,167,424	40,510,062	5,622,983	13.9%	34,887,079	86.1%
	Options	Buy bids	756,191	15,283,383	757,379	5.0%	14,526,004	95.0%
		Sell offers	899,936	5,387,701	1,041,790	19.3%	4,345,912	80.7%
2025/2026	Obligations	Buy bids	11,086,537	63,410,958	15,413,532	24.3%	47,997,426	75.7%
		Sell offers	11,800,216	60,527,379	8,999,735	14.9%	51,527,644	85.1%
	Options	Buy bids	1,235,590	26,136,580	784,839	3.0%	25,351,742	97.0%
		Sell offers	1,102,198	6,002,498	1,330,803	22.2%	4,671,695	77.8%

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Figure 13-5 shows the bid volume from each monthly auction for each period of the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions of the 2025/2026 planning period. The prompt month is the final month for which FTRs for a specific month are sold. For example, June is the prompt month for June FTRs sold in the June auction, which occurs in May. The bid volume for the non-prompt months is significantly lower than for the prompt months. On average, the non-prompt month bid volume is 53.2 percent of the prompt month bid volume.

Figure 13-5 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction bid volume (MW per period): June 2025 through May 2026 Auction

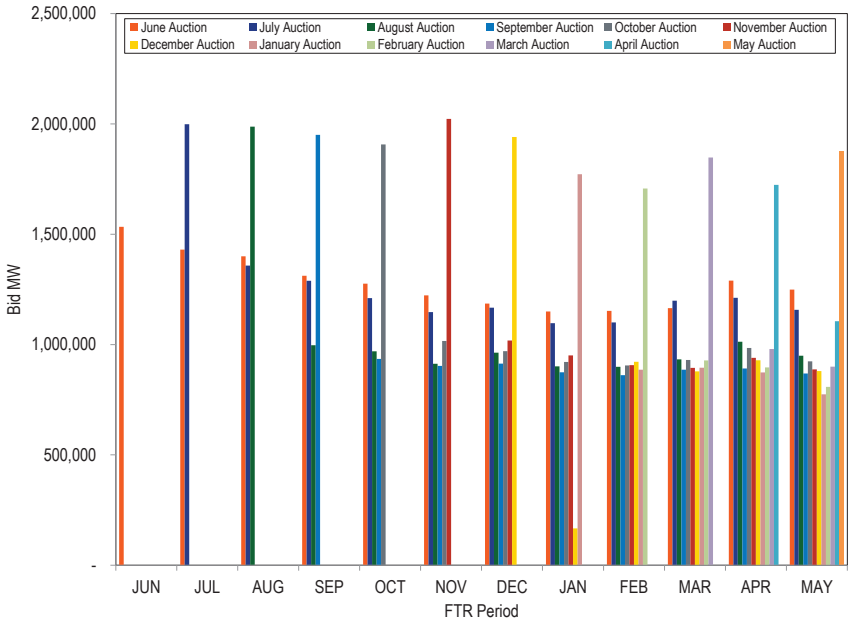

Figure 13-6 shows the cleared volume from each monthly auction for each period of the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions of the 2025/2026 planning period. The cleared volume for non-prompt months is also significantly lower than in prompt months. On average, the non-prompt months cleared volume is 32.6 percent of the prompt month cleared volume.

Figure 13-6 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction cleared volume (MW per period): June 2025 through May 2026 Auction

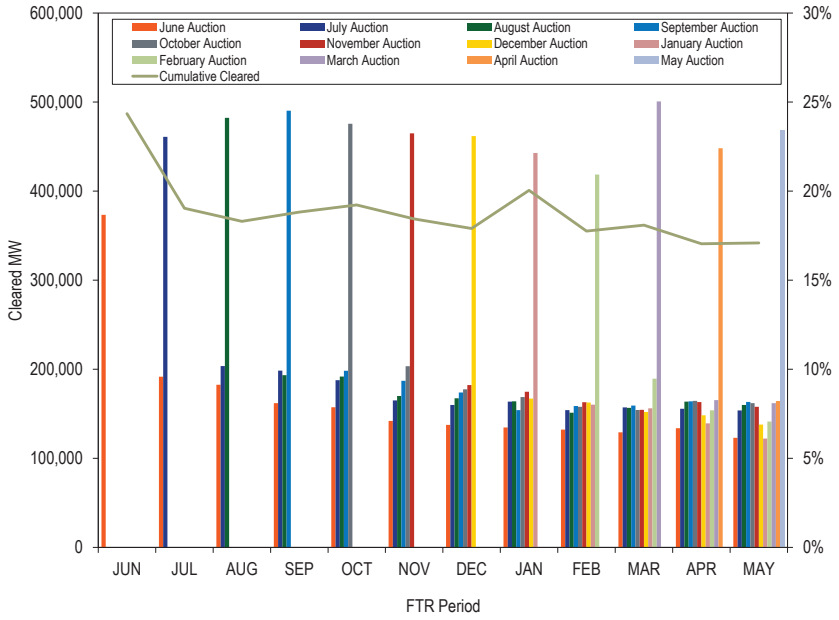

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Figure 13-7 shows the FTR bid, net bid and cleared volume from June 2003 through June 2026 for Long Term, Annual and Monthly Balance of Planning Period Auctions. Cleared volume includes FTR buy and sell offers that were accepted. The net bid volume includes the total buy, sell and self scheduled offers, counting sell offers as a negative volume. The bid volume is the total of all bid and self scheduled offers, excluding sell offers. Following the implementation of the Historical Simulation Initial Margining (HSIM) analysis model in the September 2022 Monthly Auction, bid and net bid volumes have increased significantly. On average in the 2025/2026 planning period there was a 22.2 percent increase in bid volume and a 13.5 percent decrease in net bid volume compared to the same month in the previous planning period.

Figure 13-7 Long Term, Annual and Monthly FTR Auction bid and cleared volume: June 2003 through June 2026

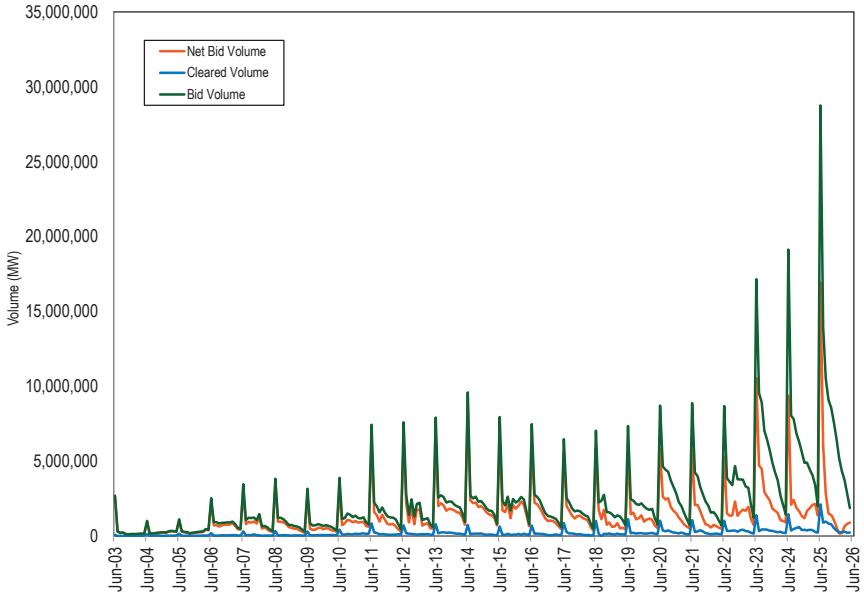
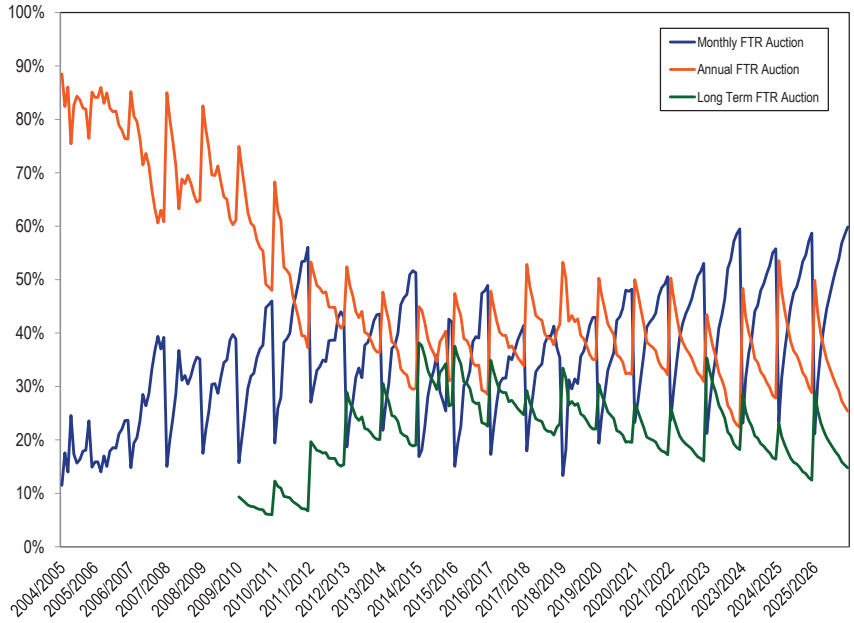


Figure 13-8 shows cleared auction volumes by auction type as a percent of the total FTR cleared volume by calendar months for June 2004 through May 2026. FTR volumes are included in the calendar month they are effective, with long term and annual FTR auction volumes spread equally to each month in the relevant planning period. Over the course of each planning period an increasing number of Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTRs are purchased, resulting in a greater share of total FTRs. When the Annual FTR Auction occurs, FTRs purchased in previous Monthly Balance of Planning Period Auctions, other than the current June auction, are no longer effective, resulting in a smaller share for monthly and a greater share for annual FTRs.

Figure 13-8 Cleared auction volume (MW) as a percent of total FTR cleared volume by calendar month: June 2004 through May 2026



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Bilateral Market

Table 13-26 provides the PJM registered secondary bilateral FTR market volume for the 2025/2026 and 2024/2025 planning periods. Market participants can buy and sell existing FTRs, outside of the auction process, through a voluntary bulletin board, termed the PJM bilateral market. FTRs can also be exchanged bilaterally without using the bulletin board. Prior to June 30, 2024, there was no requirement to report accurate detailed information about bilateral transactions settled through PJM billing systems. Effective June 30, 2024, the Commission accepted PJM's proposed revisions to the rules that required the reporting of bilateral price information and corroborating contract documents of any bilateral change of FTR ownership between participants/accounts that is settled through PJM settlement systems.[41] Bilateral transactions remain dependent on the contract established between the parties. PJM has no knowledge of bilateral transactions, or the terms and risks of bilateral transactions, that are done outside of PJM's bilateral market system. As a result, the bilateral data are not a reliable basis for evaluating actual bilateral activity in PJM FTRs.

In the 2025/2026 planning period there were two pairs of bilateral trading participants, one pair of unaffiliated participants, and 47 total bilateral FTR transactions. In the 2024/2025 planning period, there were eight total pairs of bilateral trading participants, three pairs of unaffiliated participants and 121 total bilateral FTR transactions.

41 *See* 187 FERC ¶ 61,020.

Table 13-26 Secondary bilateral FTR market volume: 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods[42]

Planning Period	Type	Class Type	Volume (MW)
2024/2025	Obligation	24-Hour	1,196.4
		On Peak	480.4
		Daily Off Peak	127.9
		Weekend On Peak	147.8
		Total	1,952.5
	Option	24-Hour	0.0
		On Peak	0.0
		Daily Off Peak	0.0
		Weekend On Peak	0.0
		Total	0.0
2025/2026	Obligation	24-Hour	294.0
		On Peak	255.7
		Daily Off Peak	276.9
		Weekend On Peak	272.0
		Total	1,098.6
	Option	24-Hour	0.0
		On Peak	0.0
		Daily Off Peak	0.0
		Weekend On Peak	0.0
		Total	0.0

Price

Table 13-27 shows the cleared, weighted average prices by trade type, FTR direction, period type and class type for the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction. Only FTR obligation products (no options) are available in the Long Term FTR Auctions. In this auction, weighted average buy bid counter flow and prevailing flow FTR prices were -$0.92 and $1.03, compared to -$0.82 and $0.99 from the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction. Weighted average sell bid counter flow and prevailing flow FTR prices were -$0.87 and $0.85, compared to -$0.79 for counter flow FTRs and $0.73 for prevailing flow FTRs for the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction.

42 The 2024/2025 planning period covers bilateral FTRs that are effective for any time between June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, which originally had been purchased in a Long Term FTR Auction, Annual FTR Auction or Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction.

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Table 13-27 Long Term FTR Auction: weighted average cleared prices (Dollars per MW): 2026/2029 auction

			Class Type				
Trade Type	FTR Direction	Period Type	24-Hour	On Peak	Weekend On Peak	Daily Off Peak	All
Buy bids	Counter Flow	Year 1	($3.62)	($0.42)	($0.79)	($0.64)	($0.91)
		Year 2	($3.80)	($0.47)	($0.89)	($0.72)	($0.91)
		Year 3	($3.91)	($0.55)	($0.97)	($0.83)	($0.94)
		Total	($3.71)	($0.47)	($0.87)	($0.71)	($0.92)
	Prevailing Flow	Year 1	$3.43	$0.53	$0.95	$0.78	$1.04
		Year 2	$3.54	$0.53	$0.98	$0.78	$0.99
		Year 3	$3.42	$0.71	$1.09	$0.98	$1.07
		Total	$3.46	$0.57	$0.99	$0.83	$1.03
	Total		$0.10	$0.05	$0.11	$0.09	$0.09
Sell offers	Counter Flow	Year 1	($1.95)	($0.60)	($0.96)	($0.87)	($0.85)
		Year 2	($1.57)	($0.65)	($1.04)	($0.92)	($0.91)
		Year 3	($1.20)	($0.57)	($1.02)	($0.85)	($0.84)
		Total	($1.87)	($0.61)	($1.00)	($0.88)	($0.87)
	Prevailing Flow	Year 1	$4.81	$0.56	$0.95	$0.79	$0.90
		Year 2	$3.34	$0.53	$0.89	$0.65	$0.77
		Year 3	$3.20	$0.67	$0.92	$0.68	$0.82
		Total	$4.44	$0.56	$0.93	$0.73	$0.85
	Total		$3.17	$0.14	$0.23	$0.17	$0.24

Table 13-28 shows the weighted average cleared buy bid prices by trade type, FTR product, FTR direction and class type for the Annual FTR Auction for the 2026/2027 planning period. The weighted average cleared buy bid price in the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction was $6.76 per MW, up from $2.88 per MW in the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction.

Table 13-28 Annual FTR Auction weighted average cleared prices (Dollars per MW): 2026/2027 planning period

			Class Type				
Trade Type	Type	FTR Direction	24-Hour	On Peak	Weekend On Peak	Daily Off Peak	All
Buy bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	($2.26)	($0.96)	($0.77)	($0.49)	($0.81)
		Prevailing Flow	$4.87	$1.48	$1.15	$0.70	$1.52
		Total	$3.53	$0.46	$0.32	$0.17	$0.55
	Options	Counter Flow	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
		Prevailing Flow	$0.33	$0.62	$0.54	$0.40	$0.49
		Total	$0.33	$0.62	$0.54	$0.40	$0.49
Self-scheduled bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	($0.44)	($0.68)	($0.35)	($0.03)	($0.46)
		Prevailing Flow	$7.81	$4.82	$3.27	$1.59	$7.58
		Total	$7.58	$4.03	$2.65	$1.52	$7.31
Buy and self-scheduled bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	($2.02)	($0.96)	($0.77)	($0.49)	($0.81)
		Prevailing Flow	$6.47	$1.50	$1.16	$0.71	$2.16
		Total	$5.56	$0.48	$0.33	$0.18	$1.01
	Options	Counter Flow	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
		Prevailing Flow	$0.33	$0.62	$0.54	$0.40	$0.49
		Total	$0.33	$0.62	$0.54	$0.40	$0.49
Sell offers	Obligations	Counter Flow	($4.32)	($1.33)	($1.11)	($0.73)	($1.41)
		Prevailing Flow	$6.91	$1.20	$1.04	$0.68	$1.49
		Total	$1.86	$0.19	$0.19	$0.09	$0.31
	Options	Counter Flow	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
		Prevailing Flow	$0.77	$1.03	$0.76	$0.57	$0.79
		Total	$0.77	$1.03	$0.76	$0.57	$0.79

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Table 13-29 shows the cleared buy bid volume, cleared buy bid revenue and cleared revenue/cleared MW for the 2012/2013 Annual FTR Auction through the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction. Changes in modeling assumptions and changes in rules across planning periods can cause shifts to buy bid revenue in the Annual FTR Auction. For example, conservative modeling by PJM for the 2014/2015 planning period led to a 52.8 percent increase in the $/MW compared to the 2013/2014 planning period. For the 2017/2018 planning period, PJM reversed its conservative modeling practices after balancing congestion and M2M payments were, inappropriately, directly assigned to load beginning in the 2017/2018 planning period. The reassignment of balancing congestion and M2M payments to load did not increase the per MW value of ARRs. Instead, the $/MW decreased 46.8 percent from the 2016/2017 planning period to the 2017/2018 planning period. In the 2014/2015 planning period the $/MW increased significantly from the 2013/2014 planning period due to PJM's decisions to limit capacity through conservative modeling. In the 2017/2018 Annual FTR Auction, the $/MW decreased to lower than 2013/2014 levels, due in part to the partial relaxation of PJM's conservative modeling practices due to the reassignment of balancing congestion and M2M payments to load and exports. This reduction continued into the 2019/2020 planning period. Due to the more restrictive modeling for the 2022/2023 planning period (relative to the 2021/2022 planning period), quantities and revenue were similar to 2016/2017 levels, when PJM was restricting the FTR market to account for balancing congestion.

Market results affect bidding behavior. The two Annual FTR Auctions with the largest increases in buy bid revenue were preceded by planning periods with record levels of congestion (See Table 13-50). Day ahead congestion had increased 130.0 percent at the end of the 2021/2022 planning period, compared to the 2020/2021 planning period, and increased 126.5 percent at the end of the 2025/2026 planning period compared to the 2024/2025 planning period. There was a significant increase in buy bid revenue and $/MW in the 2022/2023 planning period and the 2026/2027 planning period. For the 2022/2023 Annual FTR Auction buy bid revenue increased 111.3 percent from $519 million to $1,096 million, and $/MW increased 133.6 percent from $970 million to $2,265 million, compared to the 2021/2022 Annual FTR Auction. For the 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction buy bid revenue increased 67.9 percent from $1,264 million to $2,121 million and $/MW increased 75.1 percent from $976 million to $1,709 million, compared to the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction.

Table 13-29 Cleared volume, revenue and $/MW: 2012/2013 through 2026/2027 Annual FTR Auction

	Buy Bid Volume	Cleared Buy Bid Volume	Percent Cleared	Buy Bid Revenue (millions)	Buy Bid Revenue ($/MW)
2012/2013	2,520,119	329,578	13.1%	$389.1	$1,181
2013/2014	3,245,033	391,148	12.1%	$382.5	$978
2014/2015	3,243,346	338,879	10.4%	$506.3	$1,494
2015/2016	2,437,964	354,630	14.5%	$620.5	$1,750
2016/2017	2,565,494	393,509	15.3%	$615.8	$1,565
2017/2018	2,281,534	488,734	21.4%	$406.5	$832
2018/2019	2,880,105	587,628	20.4%	$635.7	$1,082
2019/2020	2,787,716	611,878	21.9%	$649.0	$1,061
2020/2021	2,336,551	556,034	23.8%	$449.6	$809
2021/2022	2,043,408	535,277	26.2%	$519.0	$970
2022/2023	1,984,377	483,988	24.4%	$1,096.3	$2,265
2023/2024	3,746,935	851,248	22.7%	$957.9	$1,125
2024/2025	4,741,013	999,108	21.1%	$941.4	$942
2025/2026	6,628,872	1,294,688	19.5%	$1,263.6	$976
2026/2027	4,353,340	1,241,435	28.5%	$2,121.1	$1,709

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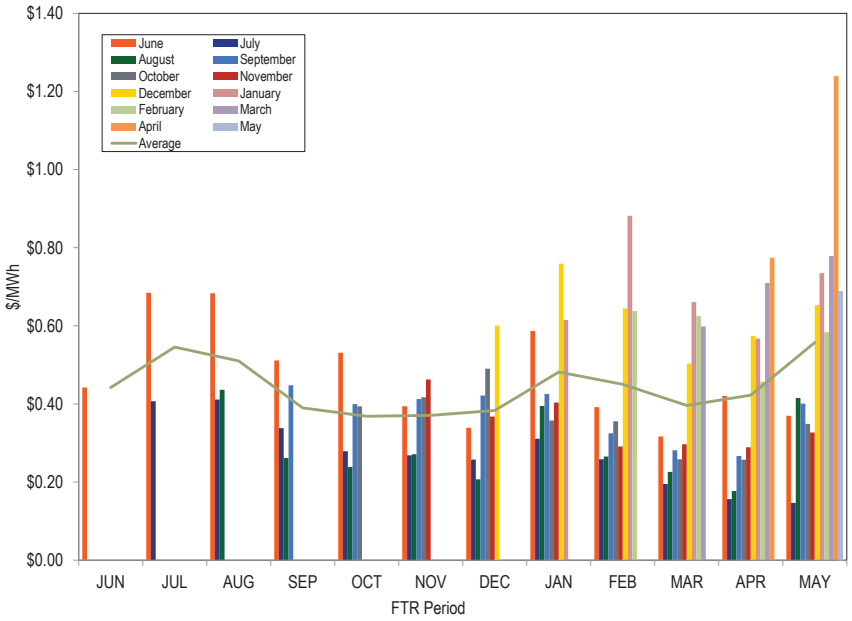
Figure 13-9 shows the weighted average cleared buy bid price of obligations in the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions by bidding period for the 2025/2026 planning period and the average price per MWh for each of the FTR periods. The average price per MWh across all bidding periods for the 2025/2026 planning period was $0.44.

Figure 13-9 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction cleared weighted-average buy bid price per period (Dollars per MWh): 2025/2026 planning period



Profitability

FTR profitability is the difference between the revenue received directly from holding an FTR plus any revenue from the sale of an FTR and the cost of the FTR. FTR profitability is relevant only to participants purchasing FTRs and is not relevant to self scheduled FTRs. For a prevailing flow FTR, the FTR revenue is the actual revenue that an FTR holder is paid as the target allocation plus the auction price from the sale of the FTR, if relevant, and the FTR cost is the auction price. For a counter flow FTR, the FTR revenue is the auction price that an FTR holder is paid to take the FTR plus the positive auction price from the sale of the FTR, if relevant, and the FTR cost is the target allocation that the FTR holder must pay plus the negative auction price from the sale of the FTR, if relevant. Profits include the payment of surplus to FTRs. Bilateral transactions are excluded from the profit calculations. Bilateral profits and losses net to zero in market total profits and losses. ARR holders that self schedule FTRs receive congestion revenues but do not receive profits from those FTRs because ARR holders are assigned the rights to congestion revenues which they choose to take directly as the congestion payments associated with the corresponding FTRs.

Profits in the 2025/2026 planning period include the auction cost and revenue from both buying and selling FTRs that were effective from June 2025 through May 2026. This includes FTRs from the 2023/2026, 2024/2027 and 2025/2028 Long Term auctions, the 2025/2026 Annual auction, and the Monthly auctions from June 2025 through May 2026. The costs and revenues of the yearly FTR products are prorated based on the period of the FTRs. Any revenues or costs related to bilateral transactions are not included in profits.

Hourly FTR profits are the sum of the hourly revenues minus the hourly costs for each FTR. The hourly revenues equal any positive hourly FTR target allocations, adjusted by the payout ratio plus any hourly auction revenues from the sale and/or the purchase of the FTR. The hourly auction costs equal any negative hourly FTR target allocations plus any hourly auction costs from the purchase and/or the sale of the FTR. The hourly auction costs and auction revenues are the product of the FTR MW and the auction price divided by the period of the FTR in hours. The FTR revenues do not include after the fact adjustments which are very small and do not occur in every month.

The surplus includes surplus day-ahead congestion revenue and FTR auction surplus. The surplus is first allocated to FTR holders to cover any shortfall in paying FTR target allocations for the current month or prior months in the planning period. A negative surplus (shortfall) at the end of the planning period is a deficiency that is charged as FTR uplift to FTR holders. The end

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of planning period surplus or uplift was distributed to FTR holders prorata based on FTR positive target allocations through the 2017/2018 planning period. Beginning with the 2018/2019 planning period, any surplus is given to FTR holders only up to FTR target allocations within the planning period, and, after any surplus assigned to FTRs, the net surplus at the end of the planning period is distributed to ARR holders. Profits include any surplus distribution or uplift payments that was used to satisfy any shortfall in FTR target allocations.

The fact that FTR profits in each planning period have been positive for financial entities as a group, regardless of the payout ratio, raises questions about the competitiveness of the market. FTR profits for financial entities were not positive in the 2019/2020 planning period when accounting for GreenHat losses, but were positive otherwise. FTR profits for financial entities without GreenHat losses were positive in every planning period from 2012/2013 through 2025/2026 except the 2016/2017 planning period, and were positive if summed over the entire period. Financial entities have been much more profitable than physical and physical ARR entities combined except for the 2015/2016 and the 2016/2017 planning periods (Table 13-33). It is not clear, in a competitive market, why FTRs remain persistently profitable for financial entities and much more profitable for financial entities than for other participants. In a competitive market, it is be expected that profits would be competed to zero.

Table 13-30 lists FTR profits, and the congestion returned through self scheduled FTRs, by organization type and FTR direction in the 2025/2026 planning period. All physical participants who were assigned ARRs are classified as physical. Some participants that are not eligible for ARRs are classified as physical because they are physical participants, for example companies that own only generation.

In the 2025/2026 planning period, physical participants, including physical ARR and IARR participants, received $595.3 million in profits on FTRs purchased directly (not self scheduled), up from $42.6 million profits in the 2024/2025 planning period. Financial participants, including financial IARR participants, received $1.6 billion in profits, almost double the $854.8 million in profits in the 2024/2025 planning period.[43] Some IARRs owned by financial participants were self scheduled as FTRs, which received $1.5 million. Self scheduled FTRs have zero cost. Physical ARR holders who self scheduled FTRs received $1.6 billion in congestion revenues, up from $650.0 million in revenue in the 2024/2025 planning period. Revenues from self scheduled FTRs are a return of congestion to the load that paid the congestion and are not profits. Since the revenue from self scheduled FTRs is not profit it is excluded from the other tables in the profitability section.

Table 13-30 FTR profits and revenues by organization type and FTR direction: June through May, 2025/2026

	Purchased FTRs Profit			Self Scheduled FTRs Revenue Returned		
Organization Type	Prevailing Flow	Counter Flow	Total	Prevailing Flow	Counter Flow	Total
Financial	$2,616,730,216	($1,038,342,228)	$1,578,387,988	$1,547,692		$1,547,692
Physical	$250,796,293	($21,821,464)	$228,974,829			
Physical ARR	$518,826,867	($152,520,488)	$366,306,379	$1,553,737,272	($175,381)	$1,553,561,891
Total	$3,386,353,375	($1,212,684,180)	$2,173,669,196	$1,555,284,965	($175,381)	$1,555,109,583

43 There are financial participants who hold IARRs. The IARRs held by the financial participants were originally assigned to transmission upgrades associated with generation interconnection projects where the participant subsequently sold the associated physical assets (generation units) but kept the associated IARRs. Since these participants have not offered MW into the physical energy or capacity market and currently only hold financial positions, they are currently classified as financial participants.

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Table 13-31 compares the revenue from self scheduled FTRs and the ARR target allocation if the self scheduled FTRs were held as ARRs. Table 13-31 shows whether the self scheduled FTR holders were better off by self scheduling compared with holding ARRs. In the 2025/2026 planning period, the total revenue returned to self scheduled FTRs was $1.6 billion. If the self scheduled FTRs were held as ARRs, they would have received $751.6 million in ARR target allocation, or only 48.3 percent of the revenue received from self scheduled FTRs. One self scheduled FTR holder accounted for $909.6 million, or 58.5 percent, of the total revenue received by all self scheduled FTRs in the 2025/2026 planning period.

Table 13-31 Self scheduled FTR revenues and unrealized ARR target allocation: June through May, 2025/2026

	Self Scheduled FTRs Revenue Returned			Unrealized ARR Target Allocation		
Organization Type	Prevailing Flow	Counter Flow	Total	Prevailing Flow	Counter Flow	Total
Financial	$1,547,692		$1,547,692	$254,694		$254,694
Physical						
Physical ARR	$1,553,737,272	($175,381)	$1,553,561,891	$751,426,652	($101,575)	$751,325,077
Total	$1,555,284,965	($175,381)	$1,555,109,583	$751,681,346	($101,575)	$751,579,771

Table 13-32 lists the monthly FTR profits for the 2024/2025 planning period and the 2025/2026 planning period by organization type. In the 2025/2026 planning period, profits for all participants were $2.2 billion, up from $897.3 million in profits in the 2024/2025 planning period and the highest level of profits since the 2010/2011 planning period. The increase in profits is due to the increase in FTR target credit. January had the largest monthly profit in the 2025/2026 planning period, $540.7 million, the largest monthly profit since the 2013/2014 planning period. The largest month to month increase in profits in the 2025/2026 planning period was also in January, an increase of $410.9 million. Among organization types, financial organizations' profits were the largest, $1.6 billion, or 72.6 percent of the market's total profits. Financial organizations had the largest increase in profits, an increase of $723.6 million. Physical organizations had the smallest profits among organization types, $229.0 million.

Table 13-32 Monthly FTR profits by organization type: 2024/2025 through May 2025/2026

	Organization Type			
Month	Financial	Physical	Physical ARR	Total
Jun-24	$47,118,337	($625,023)	($6,496,086)	$39,997,228
Jul-24	$140,890,180	$26,747,762	$3,673,731	$171,311,673
Aug-24	$89,115,812	$14,471,496	($3,597,813)	$99,989,494
Sep-24	$38,225,761	$5,734,554	($3,506,030)	$40,454,285
Oct-24	$34,019,402	$4,437,290	$4,457,735	$42,914,427
Nov-24	$4,454,325	($4,204,643)	($11,749,666)	($11,499,985)
Dec-24	$94,290,172	$23,591,538	($119,565)	$117,762,146
Jan-25	$135,793,868	$4,793,121	($10,788,364)	$129,798,624
Feb-25	$46,755,828	$12,458,346	($17,964,016)	$41,250,157
Mar-25	$114,057,458	$6,111,111	$6,838,610	$127,007,179
Apr-25	$60,134,385	($3,340,649)	$2,667,505	$59,461,242
May-25	$49,921,607	($5,061,517)	($5,977,119)	$38,882,971
Summary for Planning Period 2024/2025				
Total	$854,777,135	$85,113,384	($42,561,078)	$897,329,441
Jun-25	$92,206,975	$10,730,035	$13,494,064	$116,431,074
Jul-25	$165,773,391	$29,775,894	$25,986,128	$221,535,414
Aug-25	$45,813,799	$6,474,427	($21,925,617)	$30,362,609
Sep-25	$49,029,634	$8,259,195	$20,164,447	$77,453,277
Oct-25	$109,152,868	($2,911,850)	$18,999,374	$125,240,392
Nov-25	$61,740,719	$5,688,375	$18,925,861	$86,354,955
Dec-25	$183,209,865	$40,870,109	$31,100,999	$255,180,973
Jan-26	$332,432,616	$78,522,390	$129,732,020	$540,687,026
Feb-26	$232,902,253	$44,083,845	$50,168,556	$327,154,654
Mar-26	$65,304,476	$6,735,426	$26,898,756	$98,938,658
Apr-26	$92,877,365	($1,487,795)	$27,096,957	$118,486,526
May-26	$147,944,026	$2,234,776	$25,664,833	$175,843,636
Summary for Planning Period 2025/2026				
Total	$1,578,387,988	$228,974,829	$366,306,379	$2,173,669,196

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Table 13-33 lists the historical profits by planning period by organization type beginning in the 2012/2013 planning period for purchased FTRs. (Profits do not include congestion revenue to self scheduled FTRs.) The rules governing the allocation of surplus are described later in this section.

Table 13-33 FTR profits by organization type: 2012/2013 through 2025/2026

		2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Financial	Profit	$201,825,234	$913,502,323	$250,551,943	$68,895,867	($12,525,947)	$239,981,474	$113,086,231
	Surplus	($50,304,408)	($145,080,521)	$19,453,837	$4,921,078	$8,810,267	$90,361,918	
	Total	$151,520,826	$768,421,802	$270,005,781	$73,816,945	($3,715,680)	$330,343,392	$113,086,231
Financial without GreenHat	Profit	$201,825,234	$913,502,323	$250,551,785	$70,094,918	($11,821,248)	$240,111,850	$223,376,757
	Surplus	($50,304,408)	($145,080,521)	$19,453,837	$4,921,078	$8,810,267	$90,361,918	
	Total	$151,520,826	$768,421,802	$270,005,623	$75,015,995	($3,010,981)	$330,473,768	$223,376,757
Physical	Profit	$68,537,800	$297,456,284	$82,853,390	$10,007,327	($4,010,669)	$57,532,872	($5,945,233)
	Surplus	($41,626,011)	($53,642,077)	$5,395,706	$1,865,146	$4,181,855	$34,296,618	
	Total	$26,911,789	$243,814,207	$88,249,096	$11,872,473	$171,186	$91,829,490	($5,945,233)
Physical ARR	Profit	$26,572,818	$366,128,947	$112,609,140	$82,181,795	($2,468,152)	$66,458,939	($6,248,557)
	Surplus	($25,873,836)	($81,279,067)	$18,515,990	$7,110,576	$12,040,688	$47,753,635	
	Surplus from Self scheduled FTRs	($45,978,766)	($81,765,964)	$15,530,158	$3,073,711	$6,469,297	$42,513,186	
	Total	$698,982	$284,849,881	$131,125,130	$89,292,371	$9,572,536	$114,212,574	($6,248,557)
Total		$179,131,597	$1,297,085,890	$489,380,007	$174,981,788	$6,028,043	$536,385,456	$100,892,442

		2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Financial	Profit	($21,139,644)	$280,586,579	$831,489,515	$376,720,527	$227,123,570	$854,777,135	$1,578,387,988
	Surplus							
	Total	($21,139,644)	$280,586,579	$831,489,515	$376,720,527	$227,123,570	$854,777,135	$1,578,387,988
Financial without GreenHat	Profit	$25,150,852	$280,906,014	$831,489,515	$376,720,527	$227,123,570	$854,777,135	$1,578,387,988
	Surplus							
	Total	$25,150,852	$280,906,014	$831,489,515	$376,720,527	$227,123,570	$854,777,135	$1,578,387,988
Physical	Profit	($42,860,656)	$60,941,495	$228,289,196	$10,155,622	$3,268,080	$85,113,384	$228,974,829
	Surplus							
	Total	($42,860,656)	$60,941,495	$228,289,196	$10,155,622	$3,268,080	$85,113,384	$228,974,829
Physical ARR	Profit	($49,614,191)	$18,982,052	$35,163,444	($14,794,445)	$12,419,666	($42,561,078)	$366,306,379
	Surplus							
	Surplus from Self scheduled FTRs							
	Total	($49,614,191)	$18,982,052	$35,163,444	($14,794,445)	$12,419,666	($42,561,078)	$366,306,379
Total		($113,614,490)	$360,510,126	$1,094,942,155	$372,081,704	$242,811,317	$897,329,441	$2,173,669,196

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Table 13-34 shows the profits and losses of the five most and the five least profitable participants by ownership type. Total MWh is the sum of all MWh by ownership type regardless of profitability. The Top 5 Profit is the sum of the profits of the five most profitable participants by ownership type. The Top 5 Profit/MWh is the Top 5 Profit divided by the sum of the MWh of the top 5 participants by ownership type. The Top 5 Market Share of MWh is the sum of the MWh of the top 5 participants by ownership type divided by Total MWh of that ownership type. The Top 5 Profit Share Among Profitable Participants is the Top 5 Profit divided by the sum of the profits of all profitable participants by ownership type. The same logic applies for the statistics related to the Bottom 5 participants. The All row considers all ownership types when selecting the Top 5 and Bottom 5 participants.

The sum of the Top 5 financial participants' profits was the largest of all the ownership types, $640.0 million, but had the lowest profit per MWh. In contrast, the Top 5 physical participants had the smallest total profits but their profit per MWh was the largest. The Bottom 5 financial participants had the largest total losses while the Bottom 5 physical ARR participant's loss per MWh was the largest. When all participants across ownership types are considered, three of the Top 5 participants and all of the Bottom 5 participants were financial participants.

There are participants who have had persistent losses for multiple years. It is possible for PJM FTR participants to have complementary positions on other trading platforms such as the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) or Nodal Exchange or in other products in the PJM market.

Table 13-34 Top 5 and bottom 5 FTR profits by ownership type: June through May, 2025/2026

Organization Type	Total MWh	Top 5 Profit	Top 5 Profit/MWh	Top 5 Market Share in MWh	Top 5 Profit Share Among Profitable Participants	Bottom 5 Loss	Bottom 5 Loss/MWh	Bottom 5 Market Share in MWh	Bottom 5 Loss Share Among Unprofitable Participants
Financial	6,438,012,393	$640,005,111	$0.55	18.1%	34.8%	($149,087,958)	($1.23)	1.9%	56.7%
Physical	177,918,831	$227,124,957	$2.21	57.7%	93.1%	($14,426,582)	($0.45)	18.0%	96.5%
Physical ARR	355,665,062	$406,079,123	$1.35	84.5%	96.0%	($31,631,171)	($1.42)	6.3%	55.9%
All	6,971,596,287	$918,804,969	$1.17	11.2%	36.6%	($149,087,958)	($1.23)	1.7%	44.6%

Table 13-35 shows the shares of profitable and unprofitable participants by ownership type weighted by FTR MW in the 2025/2026 planning period. There were more profitable participants than unprofitable participants for each organization type and for market total. Compared with the 2024/2025 planning period, in the 2025/2026 planning period, the share of profitable participants increased by 1.7 percentage points from 88.5 percent to 90.2 percent. Financial organizations were the only organization type whose share of profitable participants decreased. Financial organizations' share of profitable participants decreased while their total profits increased. Profits were more concentrated among Financial organizations in the 2025/2026 planning period compared with the same time period in the 2024/2025 planning period.

Table 13-35 Share of participants MWh by profitability by ownership type: June through May, 2025/2026

Organization Type	Unprofitable	Profitable
Financial	9.6%	90.4%
Physical	19.2%	80.8%
Physical ARR	8.8%	91.2%
Total	9.8%	90.2%

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13-36 show the top 5 and bottom 5 profitable participants aggregated at a parent company level across all ownership types and their profits and losses in the 2025/2026 planning period.

Table 13-36 Top 5 and Bottom 5 Profitable participants across all ownership types

Top 5 Participants			Bottom 5 Participants		
Organization	Organization Type	Profit	Organization	Organization Type	Loss
Constellation Energy Generation, LLC	Physical	$343,377,026	Viribus Fund LP	Financial	($48,980,019)
Susquehanna International Group, LLP	Financial	$175,641,581	Vitol Inc.	Financial	($37,695,191)
Appian Way Energy Partners East, LLC	Financial	$155,345,490	BP P.L.C.	Financial	($23,087,109)
Elliott Bay Energy Trading, LLC	Financial	$138,152,331	Bank of America Corporation	Financial	($15,995,984)
DC Energy, LLC	Financial	$137,222,201	AltaGas Ltd.	Physical	($15,692,494)

Table 13-37 shows the profits by source and sink node type in the 2025/2026 planning period. The sink total row is the sum of all profits and losses of FTRs that have the same sink node type. The source total column is the sum of all profits and losses of FTRs that have the same source node type. The profits of generator to generator FTRs were the largest, $729.5 million in the 2025/2026 planning period and had the second largest increase in profits ($334.6 million increase) compared with the 2024/2025 planning period. The profits of generator to generator FTRs were 33.6 percent of the market total profit, $2.2 billion. The profits of zone to hub FTRs were the second largest, $337.4 million, and had the largest increase in profits ($369.6 million increase). The losses of hub to zone FTRs were the largest, a loss of $208.3 million and had the largest increase in losses ($239.9 million increase), in the 2025/2026 planning period.

Table 13-37 Profits by node type matrix: June through May, 2025/2026

	Sink Type								
Source Type	Aggregate	EHVAGG	Generator	Hub	Interface	Load	Residual Metered Aggregate	Zone	Source Total
Aggregate	($2,535,903)	$240,084	($4,270,421)	$3,634,034	$1,849,185	($1,756,555)	$3,755,133	$3,044,611	$3,960,167
EHVAGG	$94,732	$5,654,237	$8,125,441	$95,751	$2,144	$17,501,932	$128,203	$36,444	$31,638,885
Generator	$308,776,974	$6,926,271	$729,472,256	$226,123,291	$21,381,433	$47,968,310	$62,578,268	$235,647,976	$1,638,874,779
Hub	($16,474,072)	$621,299	$17,007,783	$324,123,640	($9,741,843)	$373,254	$18,528,982	($208,271,064)	$126,167,979
Interface	$77,093	($10,813)	($8,137,105)	$4,391,666	$382,708	$1,035,176	$1,402,009	($1,518,704)	($2,377,970)
Load	$896,645	($7,078,887)	($2,313,670)	$785,714	$436,406	$48,541,020	$273,200	$215,451	$41,755,879
Residual Metered Aggregate	($435,895)	($170,642)	($22,904,168)	($1,132,090)	($403,353)	$410,499	$3,403,980	$584,124	($20,647,545)
Zone	$2,357,454	$12,740	($39,225,577)	$337,397,758	$33,713,145	$2,283,271	($2,627,709)	$20,385,939	$354,297,021
Sink Total	$292,757,029	$6,194,288	$677,754,540	$895,419,763	$47,619,826	$116,356,908	$87,442,066	$50,124,777	$2,173,669,196

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Table 13-38 shows the profit per MWh by source and sink node type in the 2025/2026 planning period. The sink total row represents the average profit per MWh of FTRs that have the same sink type. The source total column shows the average profit per MWh of FTRs that have the same source type. Hub to EHV Aggregate FTRs had the highest profit per MWh, $5.49 per MWh. Residual Metered Aggregate to EHV Aggregate FTRs had the largest loss per MWh, -$3.80 per MWh. Profit per MWh of generator to generator FTRs was $0.21 per MWh, below the market average of $0.31 per MWh.

Table 13-38 Profit per MWh by node type matrix: June through May, 2025/2026

	Sink Type								
Source Type	Aggregate	EHVAGG	Generator	Hub	Interface	Load	Residual Metered Aggregate	Zone	Source Total
Aggregate	($0.03)	$0.35	($0.01)	$0.40	$0.36	($0.12)	$0.17	$0.11	$0.01
EHVAGG	$0.12	$0.59	$1.17	$1.11	$0.14	$1.15	$0.85	$0.22	$0.96
Generator	$0.63	$0.92	$0.21	$1.31	$0.43	$0.31	$0.71	$0.71	$0.35
Hub	($0.77)	$5.49	$0.44	$4.29	($1.93)	$0.37	$0.74	($0.98)	$0.33
Interface	$0.04	($0.32)	($0.41)	$2.17	$0.81	$4.35	$1.50	($0.84)	($0.09)
Load	$0.07	($0.89)	($0.02)	$0.30	$0.54	$0.08	$0.10	$0.08	$0.06
Residual Metered Aggregate	($0.03)	($3.80)	($0.35)	($0.36)	($0.40)	$0.15	$1.65	$0.06	($0.21)
Zone	$0.09	$0.80	($0.49)	$3.77	$1.68	$0.71	($0.05)	$0.14	$0.86
Sink Total	$0.45	$0.24	$0.16	$2.53	$0.58	$0.15	$0.46	$0.07	$0.31

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Table 13-39 shows the top 20 source and sink node type pairs by MWh in the 2025/2026 planning period. Table 13-39 compares settled MWh, profit and target credit of FTRs whose source and sink nodes are in different zones (across zones) with whose source and sink nodes are in the same zone (within a zone). The percentage shown under MWh column represents the proportion of FTRs that are within a zone and across zones for each source and sink node type pair. For example, 18.3 percent of generator to generator FTRs had source and sink nodes located in different zones, while 81.7 percent of generator to generator FTRs had source and sink nodes that are in the same zone. Generator to generator FTRs receive greater profits when they are within a zone than when they are across zones, while across zone generator to generator FTRs receive greater target allocation credit.

Table 13-39 FTR MWh, Profit and Target Credit from inside a zone and across zones by top 20 source and sink node type

		MWh				Profit		Target Credit	
Source Type	Sink Type	Across Zones	Within a Zone	Across Zones	Within a Zone	Across Zones	Within a Zone	Across Zones	Within a Zone
Generator	Generator	631,172,983	2,809,082,652	18.3%	81.7%	$358,039,104	$371,433,153	$480,171,618	$362,001,282
Load	Load	39,258,611	552,063,345	6.6%	93.4%	($20,482,590)	$69,023,610	($22,304,771)	$112,053,104
Generator	Aggregate	118,087,154	375,020,563	23.9%	76.1%	$111,294,219	$197,482,754	$131,966,189	$221,020,759
Aggregate	Generator	89,390,061	289,383,718	23.6%	76.4%	($48,402,181)	$44,131,761	($49,817,275)	$46,379,460
Generator	Zone	68,104,462	262,210,865	20.6%	79.4%	$69,700,778	$165,947,198	$128,881,347	$340,443,216
Hub	Zone	191,537,526	20,305,843	90.4%	9.6%	($203,664,488)	($4,606,576)	($404,294,546)	($5,150,518)
Generator	Hub	81,914,658	90,333,349	47.6%	52.4%	$192,093,146	$34,030,145	$386,017,916	$63,745,162
Generator	Load	21,508,410	131,624,133	14.0%	86.0%	$5,532,647	$42,435,663	$34,085,863	$91,283,771
Zone	Zone	144,129,451		100.0%		$20,385,939		$160,789,068	
Load	Generator	15,011,134	112,867,873	11.7%	88.3%	($921,917)	($1,391,753)	($9,564,847)	($14,569,083)
Zone	Hub	87,181,296	2,203,932	97.5%	2.5%	$337,132,355	$265,403	$836,237,664	$247,804
Generator	Residual Metered Aggregate	19,656,987	69,077,398	22.2%	77.8%	$19,605,136	$42,973,132	$38,086,585	$56,585,506
Aggregate	Aggregate	13,060,917	66,772,654	16.4%	83.6%	$5,360,219	($7,896,122)	$3,258,969	($11,996,220)
Zone	Generator	27,434,216	52,039,985	34.5%	65.5%	$6,381,470	($45,607,047)	($2,344,370)	($64,341,359)
Hub	Hub	23,121,503	52,450,405	30.6%	69.4%	$155,095,175	$169,028,464	$254,505,373	$266,979,975
Residual Metered Aggregate	Generator	20,947,499	44,208,812	32.1%	67.9%	($8,182,487)	($14,721,681)	($22,932,219)	($33,323,296)
Zone	Residual Metered Aggregate	406,288	50,453,152	0.8%	99.2%	$771,028	($3,398,738)	$1,040,080	($5,533,568)
Generator	Interface	27,071,262	22,607,317	54.5%	45.5%	$23,174,472	($1,793,040)	$48,210,788	$404,901
Hub	Generator	16,062,441	22,314,778	41.9%	58.1%	$5,911,166	$11,096,618	$97,145	$7,888,963
Aggregate	Zone	4,713,419	22,609,276	17.3%	82.7%	($1,731,557)	$4,776,169	$2,204,741	$10,640,902

Revenue

Net FTR auction revenue is the difference between what FTR buyers pay and what FTR sellers receive in an auction, including what FTR buyers receive and FTR sellers pay for counterflow FTRs. Net FTR auction revenue from the Long Term, Annual, and Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions is used to fund ARR Target Allocations each month. Long Term and Annual FTR auction revenue is allocated to ARR holders throughout the planning period in which the FTR is effective. For example, net FTR auction revenue generated from the 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction for Year 1 FTRs will be allocated to ARR holders in each month of the 2026/2027 planning period. Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR auction revenue is allocated to ARR holders in the month in which the FTR is effective.

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Long Term FTR Auction Revenue

Table 13-40 shows the Long Term FTR Auction revenue data by trade type, FTR direction, period type and class type. The 2026/2029 Long Term FTR Auction netted $102.5 million in revenue, $59.8 million less (36.8 percent) than the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction. Buyers paid $343.7 million, up $67.3 million (24.3 percent), and sellers received $241.3 million, up $127.1 million (111.4 percent) over the 2025/2028 Long Term FTR Auction.

Table 13-40 Long Term FTR Auction Revenue: 2026/2029 auction

			Class Type				
Trade Type	FTR Direction	Period Type	24-Hour	On Peak	Weekend On Peak	Daily Off Peak	All
Buy bids	Counter Flow	Year 1	($267,915,419)	($281,854,050)	($88,502,456)	($103,477,368)	($741,749,293)
		Year 2	($145,558,688)	($240,635,329)	($76,314,261)	($87,892,417)	($550,400,696)
		Year 3	($76,638,680)	($204,330,475)	($68,197,374)	($80,085,439)	($429,251,968)
		Total	($490,112,788)	($726,819,854)	($233,014,092)	($271,455,224)	($1,721,401,957)
	Prevailing Flow	Year 1	$297,204,561	$403,875,546	$124,921,499	$135,695,085	$961,696,691
		Year 2	$151,480,484	$288,441,544	$87,298,494	$97,164,118	$624,384,641
		Year 3	$69,767,295	$237,687,739	$79,327,465	$92,277,880	$479,060,379
		Total	$518,452,340	$930,004,829	$291,547,459	$325,137,083	$2,065,141,711
	Total		$28,339,552	$203,184,975	$58,533,367	$53,681,859	$343,739,753
Sell offers	Counter Flow	Year 1	($4,940,779)	($90,991,193)	($28,976,787)	($35,325,020)	($160,233,779)
		Year 2	($848,204)	($70,091,833)	($20,409,798)	($24,393,544)	($115,743,380)
		Year 3	($64,043)	($21,862,825)	($6,424,283)	($8,009,179)	($36,360,331)
		Total	($5,853,027)	($182,945,851)	($55,810,869)	($67,727,743)	($312,337,490)
	Prevailing Flow	Year 1	$45,003,642	$180,060,196	$54,442,956	$64,355,581	$343,862,376
		Year 2	$8,670,593	$94,139,529	$25,226,532	$32,554,702	$160,591,355
		Year 3	$1,624,940	$27,289,833	$7,630,539	$12,621,704	$49,167,017
		Total	$55,299,175	$301,489,559	$87,300,028	$109,531,987	$553,620,748
	Total		$49,446,148	$118,543,707	$31,489,159	$41,804,244	$241,283,258
Total			($21,106,596)	$84,641,268	$27,044,208	$11,877,615	$102,456,495

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Annual FTR Auction Revenue

Table 13-41 shows the Annual FTR Auction revenue by trade type, type, FTR direction and class type. The Annual FTR Auction for the 2026/2027 planning period generated $3,755.8 million, up 98.2 percent from $1,895.3 million in the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction. Counter flow FTR holders received $745.8 million, up 6.4 percent from the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction and prevailing flow FTR holders paid $4,501.6 million, up 73.4 percent from the 2025/2026 Annual FTR Auction.

Table 13-41 Annual FTR auction revenue: 2026/2027 planning period

			Class Type				
Trade Type	Type	FTR Direction	24-Hour	On Peak	Weekend On Peak	Daily Off Peak	All
Buy bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	($101,204,565)	($636,876,227)	($204,963,451)	($239,290,447)	($1,182,334,690)
		Prevailing Flow	$946,955,676	$1,372,704,732	$400,022,261	$424,614,941	$3,144,297,610
		Total	$845,751,111	$735,828,505	$195,058,810	$185,324,494	$1,961,962,921
	Options	Counter Flow	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
		Prevailing Flow	$17,342,423	$75,229,669	$27,435,707	$39,140,489	$159,148,287
		Total	$17,342,423	$75,229,669	$27,435,707	$39,140,489	$159,148,287
	Total	Counter Flow	($101,204,565)	($636,876,227)	($204,963,451)	($239,290,447)	($1,182,334,690)
		Prevailing Flow	$964,298,099	$1,447,934,401	$427,457,968	$463,755,430	$3,303,445,897
		Total	$863,093,534	$811,058,174	$222,494,517	$224,464,983	$2,121,111,208
Self-scheduled bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	($2,973,499)	($735,982)	($161,021)	($5,832)	($3,876,333)
		Prevailing Flow	$1,832,941,947	$31,204,246	$7,180,672	$6,905,198	$1,878,232,062
		Total	$1,829,968,448	$30,468,264	$7,019,651	$6,899,366	$1,874,355,729
Buy and self-scheduled bids	Obligations	Counter Flow	($104,178,064)	($637,612,209)	($205,124,472)	($239,296,278)	($1,186,211,023)
		Prevailing Flow	$2,779,897,623	$1,403,908,978	$407,202,933	$431,520,138	$5,022,529,673
		Total	$2,675,719,559	$766,296,769	$202,078,461	$192,223,860	$3,836,318,650
	Options	Counter Flow	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
		Prevailing Flow	$17,342,423	$75,229,669	$27,435,707	$39,140,489	$159,148,287
		Total	$17,342,423	$75,229,669	$27,435,707	$39,140,489	$159,148,287
	Total	Counter Flow	($104,178,064)	($637,612,209)	($205,124,472)	($239,296,278)	($1,186,211,023)
		Prevailing Flow	$2,797,240,046	$1,479,138,647	$434,638,640	$470,660,627	$5,181,677,960
		Total	$2,693,061,982	$841,526,438	$229,514,168	$231,364,349	$3,995,466,937
Sell offers	Obligations	Counter Flow	($129,529,115)	($185,732,559)	($59,894,500)	($65,248,976)	($440,405,150)
		Prevailing Flow	$253,117,386	$251,862,593	$86,457,760	$83,554,884	$674,992,622
		Total	$123,588,271	$66,130,033	$26,563,260	$18,305,908	$234,587,473
	Options	Counter Flow	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
		Prevailing Flow	$607,153	$2,224,131	$1,035,164	$1,255,373	$5,121,821
		Total	$607,153	$2,224,131	$1,035,164	$1,255,373	$5,121,821
	Total	Counter Flow	($129,529,115)	($185,732,559)	($59,894,500)	($65,248,976)	($440,405,150)
		Prevailing Flow	$253,724,538	$254,086,724	$87,492,924	$84,810,257	$680,114,443
		Total	$124,195,423	$68,354,165	$27,598,424	$19,561,281	$239,709,294
Total			$2,568,866,559	$773,172,273	$201,915,744	$211,803,068	$3,755,757,643

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FTRs sold in Long Term FTR Auctions are sold at a substantial discount to the same FTRs sold in Annual FTR Auctions. Table 13-42 shows the increase in total auction revenue that would have resulted for the 2014/2015 through 2026/2027 planning periods if long term FTRs were sold at annual auction clearing prices.

Long Term FTR Auction MW are determined by removing all outages and running an offline model of the previous Annual FTR Auction model with all ARR bids from the prior annual ARR allocation. Any ARR MW that clear in this offline model are reserved for ARR holders in the relevant planning periods, and are removed from the Long Term FTR Auction. But even this approach does not, and cannot, preserve all the capacity for ARR holders in the first year of the Long Term Auction. The MW purchased in the Long Term FTR Auction are made available to FTR holders before ARR holders have access to them. The result is that MW are reserved, inappropriately and for unexplained reasons, in future auctions for FTR holders. This difference provides an estimate of the value of the MW made available in the Long Term FTR Auction that are not made available to ARR holders. These MW should be made available to ARR holders in the Annual FTR Auctions where they are the most valuable. Under the current market rules, MW made available in the Long Term FTR auction are not available to ARR holders as ARRs. The MMU recommends that the Long Term FTR product be eliminated. If the Long Term FTR product is not eliminated, the Long Term FTR Market should be modified so that the supply of prevailing flow FTRs in the Long Term FTR Market is based solely on counter flow offers in the Long Term FTR Market, and not projected residual system capability based on a snapshot of prior ARR requests.

Table 13-42 Estimated additional Long Term FTR Auction revenue at Annual FTR Auction prices

	Long Term FTR Product				
Planning Period	YR3	YR2	YR1	YRALL	Total Difference
2014/2015	$59,598,642	$30,284,173	$52,030,909	$926,989	$142,840,713
2015/2016	$67,896,588	$40,975,278	$9,936,078	$303,082	$119,111,026
2016/2017	$42,378,048	$3,854,373	$11,055,824	$1,079,901	$58,368,147
2017/2018	$6,134,076	($1,841,715)	$12,396,817	$227,524	$16,916,702
2018/2019	$7,872,604	$2,926,457	$13,480,353	($111,226)	$24,168,189
2019/2020	$9,711,188	$4,098,887	$103,227,004	$805,425	$117,842,504
2020/2021	($416,585)	$52,736,819	($9,690,808)	$1,242,707	$43,872,132
2021/2022	$73,050,796	($3,111,721)	$13,856,264	NA	$83,795,339
2022/2023	$42,759,622	$62,664,762	$104,025,268	NA	$209,449,652
2023/2024	$45,464,085	$31,335,632	$39,140,382	NA	$115,940,099
2024/2025	$42,500,160	$23,979,155	$36,720,756	NA	$103,200,071
2025/2026	$100,410,553	$68,518,553	$93,705,408	NA	$262,634,514
2026/2027	$325,853,448	$216,736,617	$165,863,778	NA	$708,453,843
Total	$823,213,224	$533,157,271	$645,748,033	$4,474,401	$2,006,592,930

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Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction Revenue

Table 13-43 shows monthly balance of planning period FTR auction revenue by trade type, type and class type for the 2025/2026 and the entire 2024/2025 planning periods. The Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions for the 2025/2026 planning period netted $105.0 million in net revenue, the difference between buyers paying $1,099.5 million and sellers receiving $994.5 million. For the 2024/2025 planning period, the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions netted $79.6 million in revenue with buyers paying $671.2 million and sellers receiving $591.6 million.

Revenue from obligation buy bids for the 2025/2026 planning period was $945.9 million, up 58.4 percent compared to the 2024/2025 planning period. Expenditure from obligation sell offers in the 2025/2026 planning period was $687.4 million, up 57.7 percent compared to the 2024/2025 planning period.

Table 13-43 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction revenue: 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning period

			Class Type				
Monthly Auction	Type	Trade Type	24-Hour	On Peak	Daily Off Peak	Weekend On Peak	All
Jun-25	Obligations	Buy bids	$43,963,789	$59,550,615	$11,244,539	$17,818,883	$132,577,826
		Sell offers	$10,807,119	$53,694,995	$13,744,740	$17,282,983	$95,529,837
	Options	Buy bids	$232,202	$8,861,467	$4,007,673	$2,867,090	$15,968,432
		Sell offers	$2,969,446	$21,150,179	$5,658,918	$6,780,519	$36,559,061
Jul-25	Obligations	Buy bids	$11,769,736	$47,782,060	$10,707,639	$14,767,032	$85,026,467
		Sell offers	$3,763,947	$38,944,621	$8,273,644	$11,761,740	$62,743,951
	Options	Buy bids	$2,132,213	$7,568,007	$3,473,035	$2,743,547	$15,916,801
		Sell offers	$2,703,871	$19,837,413	$4,823,689	$6,517,948	$33,882,921
Aug-25	Obligations	Buy bids	($346,749)	$50,008,965	$12,464,614	$16,378,232	$78,505,063
		Sell offers	$2,897,894	$31,862,957	$7,672,652	$11,359,638	$53,793,141
	Options	Buy bids	$534,023	$7,479,258	$3,559,637	$2,734,285	$14,307,204
		Sell offers	$2,638,486	$16,477,506	$4,647,661	$5,396,476	$29,160,129
Sep-25	Obligations	Buy bids	($3,169,946)	$54,069,302	$21,118,313	$17,242,156	$89,259,824
		Sell offers	$21,189,710	$31,183,579	$9,973,679	$9,419,961	$71,766,929
	Options	Buy bids	$834,043	$8,840,903	$3,789,646	$3,408,415	$16,873,008
		Sell offers	$2,077,559	$13,173,571	$5,452,261	$4,425,345	$25,128,736
Oct-25	Obligations	Buy bids	$330,610	$43,891,284	$17,587,815	$14,819,286	$76,628,996
		Sell offers	$12,291,500	$26,016,645	$9,932,175	$8,807,709	$57,048,028
	Options	Buy bids	$1,689,799	$5,748,664	$2,178,939	$2,512,539	$12,129,941
		Sell offers	$2,072,980	$13,144,149	$5,294,750	$4,034,201	$24,546,080
Nov-25	Obligations	Buy bids	($5,040,920)	$41,152,793	$16,577,605	$13,569,145	$66,258,623
		Sell offers	$2,767,144	$25,702,926	$9,650,692	$7,604,093	$45,724,856
	Options	Buy bids	$704,949	$6,399,585	$2,215,866	$2,324,471	$11,644,870
		Sell offers	$2,217,435	$12,046,857	$5,757,145	$4,698,133	$24,719,571
Dec-25	Obligations	Buy bids	$17,174,878	$45,620,898	$21,025,928	$13,605,325	$97,427,029
		Sell offers	$1,636,246	$40,254,138	$22,675,021	$12,666,371	$77,231,776
	Options	Buy bids	$1,426,323	$5,683,516	$5,390,206	$1,828,956	$14,329,001
		Sell offers	$2,588,420	$15,439,317	$7,558,590	$4,738,373	$30,324,700

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			Class Type				
Monthly Auction	Type	Trade Type	24-Hour	On Peak	Daily Off Peak	Weekend On Peak	All
Jan-26	Obligations	Buy bids	$10,031,185	$41,953,890	$21,539,613	$12,597,073	$86,121,761
		Sell offers	$5,487,761	$31,303,225	$16,049,555	$9,817,400	$62,657,941
	Options	Buy bids	$2,011,390	$4,538,922	$1,488,891	$1,704,839	$9,744,042
		Sell offers	$2,525,857	$15,498,004	$6,760,423	$4,876,000	$29,660,284
Feb-26	Obligations	Buy bids	$6,980,665	$36,505,375	$17,095,518	$9,638,334	$70,219,892
		Sell offers	$2,533,267	$25,283,956	$11,674,650	$6,511,547	$46,003,420
	Options	Buy bids	$3,052,488	$3,992,532	$1,113,211	$1,485,475	$9,643,706
		Sell offers	$2,179,795	$12,744,346	$5,952,647	$3,724,270	$24,601,058
Mar-26	Obligations	Buy bids	$18,511,237	$30,503,023	$10,261,086	$9,067,463	$68,342,810
		Sell offers	$1,034,993	$19,890,696	$7,029,680	$6,463,036	$34,418,404
	Options	Buy bids	$1,512,121	$2,606,457	$1,173,685	$773,654	$6,065,917
		Sell offers	$2,046,360	$12,012,123	$5,006,854	$3,714,733	$22,780,070
Apr-26	Obligations	Buy bids	$28,191,439	$29,177,124	$6,962,223	$6,837,259	$71,168,046
		Sell offers	$3,248,045	$22,177,662	$6,306,113	$7,775,928	$39,507,747
	Options	Buy bids	$2,208,809	$1,344,785	$829,983	$678,964	$5,062,541
		Sell offers	$2,452,250	$14,577,579	$4,062,271	$3,241,620	$24,333,720
May-26	Obligations	Buy bids	$10,860,687	$20,876,947	$2,770,613	$6,457,502	$40,965,749
		Sell offers	$2,393,997	$12,973,602	$2,493,101	$4,066,391	$21,927,091
	Options	Buy bids	$110,286	$571,532	$573,374	$166,233	$1,421,425
		Sell offers	$1,877,284	$6,284,162	$1,407,772	$2,218,310	$11,787,528
2024/2025	Obligations	Buy bids	$92,291,775	$334,508,875	$87,723,212	$82,618,475	$597,142,337
		Sell offers	$24,741,555	$270,347,683	$73,133,231	$67,754,244	$435,976,713
	Options	Buy bids	$16,363,731	$31,182,988	$14,530,149	$11,936,121	$74,012,989
		Sell offers	$19,034,193	$80,149,449	$30,035,406	$26,381,757	$155,600,805
	Net Total		$64,879,758	$15,194,731	($915,277)	$418,596	$79,577,808
2025/2026	Obligations	Buy bids	$130,848,174	$494,792,908	$170,647,166	$149,581,810	$945,870,057
		Sell offers	$78,518,312	$367,192,347	$125,753,215	$115,927,906	$687,391,780
	Options	Buy bids	$18,732,355	$76,037,698	$31,713,873	$27,128,627	$153,612,552
		Sell offers	$26,582,745	$166,672,575	$61,548,584	$52,313,851	$307,117,755
	Net Total		$44,479,472	$36,965,684	$15,059,240	$8,468,678	$104,973,075

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Table 13-44 shows the monthly balance of planning period FTR auction revenue by FTR direction and trade type for FTRs effective in each month. For example, June 2025 shows FTR auction revenue for FTRs that are effective in June that were sold in the June 2025 Auction. July 2025 shows FTR auction revenue for FTRs that are effective in July that were sold in the June 2025 Auction and the July 2025 Auction. Table 13-44 also shows the monthly Residual ARR target allocations. Residual ARR target allocations in a month should be fully funded by FTR auction revenue from FTRs that are effective in the same month.

Auction revenue from monthly FTRs effective in the 2025/2026 planning period was $109.8 million, up 37.9 percent from $79.6 million in the 2024/2025 planning period. However, Residual ARR target allocations in the 2025/2026 planning period were $81.7 million, up 210.6 percent from $ $26.3 million in the 2024/2025 planning period.

While total auction revenue from monthly FTRs effective in the 2025/2026 planning period was up 37.9 percent, the results by FTR direction (prevailing versus counterflow) and by trade type (buy versus sell) were different. Negative auction revenue from buy bids for counter flow FTRs effective in the 2025/2026 planning period was $1,310.8 million, up 69.3 percent from $774.2 million in the 2024/2025 planning period. Positive auction revenue from sell bids for counter flow FTRs effective in the 2025/2026 planning period was $617.9 million, up 123.2 percent from $276.8 million in the 2024/2025 planning period. Positive auction revenue from buy bids for prevailing flow FTRs effective in the 2025/2026 planning period was $2,406.4, up 66.5 percent from $1,445.4 in the 2024/2025 planning period. Negative auction revenue from sell bids for prevailing flow FTRs effective in the 2025/2026 planning period was $1,603.7 million, up 84.7 percent from 868.4 million in the 2024/2025 planning period. The large increase in both residual ARR target allocations and negative auction revenue from counter flow FTRs effective in the first three months of the planning period contributed to the first ARR deficiency in the history of the ARR market in July 2025 (See Table 13-10). If PJM had sold fewer counter flow FTRs effective in July 2025, there would not have been an ARR deficiency. Residual ARR target allocations decreased following the highs in June 2025, July 2025, and August 2025 and revenue from FTR sell bids for counterflow increased, preventing another ARR deficiency from occurring.

Table 13-44 Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction revenue by FTR period compared to Residual ARR target allocations: 2024/2025 and 2025/2026

	Revenue From Monthly FTR Auctions By Period					
Month	Counter Flow Buy Bids	Counter Flow Sell Bids	Prevailing Flow Buy Bids	Prevailing Flow Sell Bids	All	Residual ARR Target Allocations
Jun-24	($12,935,096)	$6,463,400	$30,668,516	($21,035,151)	$3,161,668	$1,542,269
Jul-24	($27,907,987)	$12,672,303	$62,067,006	($42,200,251)	$4,631,071	$817,746
Aug-24	($35,671,626)	$17,132,476	$88,169,309	($63,820,383)	$5,809,776	$2,192,686
Sep-24	($47,035,465)	$17,030,440	$95,463,590	($59,958,680)	$5,499,885	$940,983
Oct-24	($61,463,190)	$22,257,984	$113,529,086	($66,887,221)	$7,436,660	$675,276
Nov-24	($57,049,350)	$21,841,656	$110,922,641	($68,430,428)	$7,284,518	$389,592
Dec-24	($73,445,957)	$24,806,231	$127,502,478	($71,230,090)	$7,632,662	$1,423,964
Jan-25	($96,757,094)	$33,228,566	$172,405,984	($101,741,615)	$7,135,841	$3,351,831
Feb-25	($94,081,134)	$32,261,091	$164,140,690	($95,141,385)	$7,179,262	$9,503,030
Mar-25	($79,877,699)	$27,581,488	$141,629,663	($82,498,441)	$6,835,012	$1,258,883
Apr-25	($88,162,518)	$29,973,301	$158,981,445	($92,626,958)	$8,165,270	$3,845,490
May-25	($99,848,832)	$31,544,129	$179,910,865	($102,799,980)	$8,806,182	$367,497
Summary For Planning Period 2024/2025						
Total	($774,235,947)	$276,793,065	$1,445,391,273	($868,370,583)	$79,577,808	$26,309,246
Jun-25	($25,629,760)	$11,335,282	$51,618,952	($35,385,606)	$1,938,869	$12,903,832
Jul-25	($61,853,731)	$22,288,524	$111,168,475	($66,648,525)	$4,954,744	$23,175,461
Aug-25	($73,536,354)	$29,025,252	$133,268,414	($83,203,970)	$5,553,342	$13,502,528
Sep-25	($80,532,210)	$29,608,604	$141,134,731	($84,519,169)	$5,691,956	$952,098
Oct-25	($92,124,081)	$31,856,580	$162,569,433	($96,398,953)	$5,902,980	$4,658,518
Nov-25	($92,700,403)	$36,268,021	$163,026,687	($101,001,852)	$5,592,453	$5,780,545
Dec-25	($113,946,473)	$52,799,488	$208,682,619	($144,748,264)	$2,787,369	$1,556,605
Jan-26	($157,236,107)	$77,332,765	$273,466,286	($187,410,024)	$6,152,920	$6,173,623
Feb-26	($136,508,092)	$67,099,802	$249,730,898	($168,310,949)	$12,011,659	$2,951,786
Mar-26	($147,508,420)	$81,108,186	$271,571,444	($184,411,703)	$20,759,507	$4,313,687
Apr-26	($147,727,631)	$77,869,076	$292,204,600	($204,827,383)	$17,518,662	$2,977,603
May-26	($181,474,090)	$101,274,615	$347,943,783	($246,836,778)	$20,907,530	$2,716,717
Summary For Planning Period 2025/2026						
Total	($1,310,777,351)	$617,866,195	$2,406,386,324	($1,603,703,175)	$109,771,993	$81,663,004

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FTR Target Allocations

FTR target allocations were examined separately by source and sink contribution. Hourly FTR target allocations were divided into those that were benefits and liabilities and summed by sink and by source. Figure 13-10 shows the 10 largest positive and negative FTR target allocations, summed by sink, for the 2025/2026 planning period. The top 10 sinks that produced financial benefit accounted for 22.5 percent of total positive target allocations with Western Hub accounting for 9.1 percent of all positive target allocations. The top 10 sinks that created liability accounted for 13.7 percent of total negative target allocations with Black Oak (APS) accounting for 2.0 percent of all negative target allocations.

Figure 13-10 Ten largest positive and negative FTR target allocations summed by sink: June through May, 2025/2026[44]

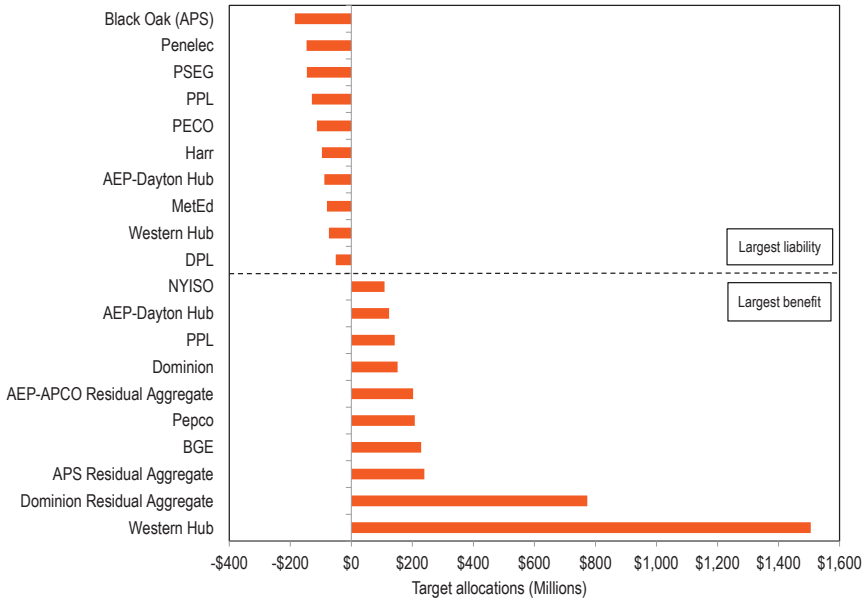

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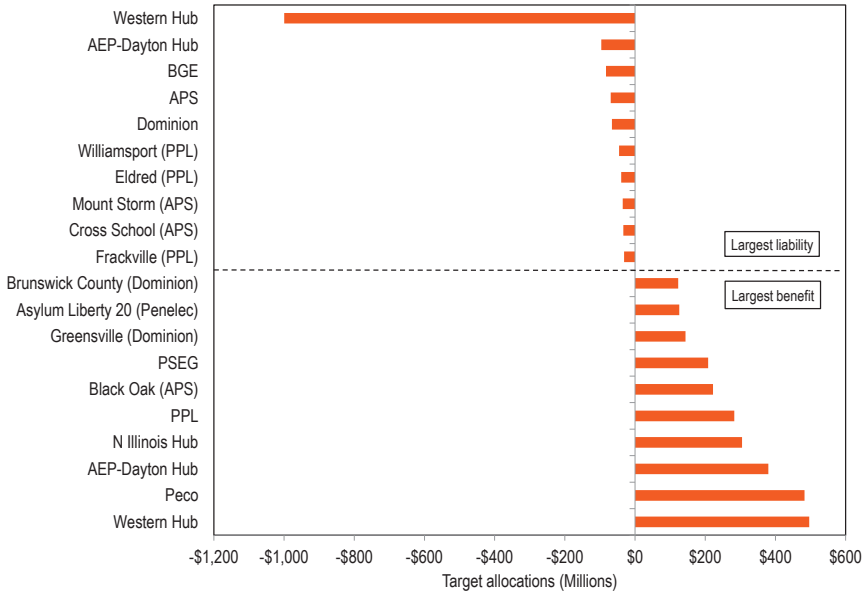
Figure 13-11 shows the 10 largest positive and negative FTR target allocations, summed by source, for the 2025/2026 planning period. The top 10 sources with a positive target allocation accounted for 14.0 percent of total positive target allocations with Western Hub accounting for 2.5 percent of total positive target allocations. The top 10 sources with a negative target allocation accounted for 15.8 percent of all negative target allocations, with the Western Hub accounting for 10.5 percent of total negative target allocations.

Figure 13-11 Ten largest positive and negative FTR target allocations summed by source: June through May, 2025/2026[45]



The Effect of Fast Start Pricing on FTR Target Allocations

PJM implemented fast start pricing on September 1, 2021, and as a result, PJM produces separate dispatch and pricing market solutions. The dispatch run results in dispatch instructions and matching prices, termed dispatch run locational marginal prices, or DLMP. The DLMP prices are the prices

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that would have been the LMPs prior to fast start pricing. The pricing run results in the final prices used in settlements and for FTR target allocations, termed pricing run locational marginal prices, or PLMP. The two runs result in different sets of target allocations for the same FTR paths. Table 13-45 compares the target allocations that result from the pricing and dispatch runs for both self scheduled and all other FTRs for the 2021/2022 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period. The difference indicates whether the target allocations increased or decreased as a result of fast start pricing. Since its introduction, fast start pricing has resulted in $508 million less in FTR target allocations for FTR holders in the pricing run than in the dispatch run, of which $462 million occurred in the 2025/2026 planning year.

Table 13-45 Pricing run and dispatch run FTR Target Allocations: 2021/2022 through 2025/2026 planning periods[46]

Planning Period		Pricing Run	Dispatch Run	Difference	Percent Difference
2021/2022*	Not Self Scheduled	$1,499,077,738	$1,497,963,895	$1,113,844	0.1%
	Self Scheduled	$429,271,338	$430,800,598	($1,529,260)	(0.4%)
	Total	$1,928,349,076	$1,928,764,493	($415,416)	(0.0%)
2022/2023	Not Self Scheduled	$1,641,324,421	$1,586,284,502	$55,039,919	3.4%
	Self Scheduled	$622,535,802	$668,468,552	($45,932,751)	(7.4%)
	Total	$2,263,860,223	$2,254,753,054	$9,107,169	0.4%
2023/2024	Not Self Scheduled	$1,396,273,015	$1,435,733,398	($39,460,383)	(2.8%)
	Self Scheduled	$371,433,164	$371,620,633	($187,469)	(0.1%)
	Total	$1,767,706,179	$1,807,354,031	($39,647,853)	(2.2%)
2024/2025	Not Self Scheduled	$2,077,018,180	$2,088,851,413	($11,833,233)	(0.6%)
	Self Scheduled	$657,847,842	$660,668,360	($2,820,518)	(0.4%)
	Total	$2,734,866,022	$2,749,519,773	($14,653,751)	(0.5%)
2025/2026	Not Self Scheduled	$3,576,519,697	$3,909,616,477	($333,096,780)	(9.3%)
	Self Scheduled	$1,553,660,757	$1,682,942,102	($129,281,345)	(8.3%)
	Total	$5,130,180,454	$5,592,558,580	($462,378,126)	(9.0%)

* starting in September 2021

46 This table is affected by the identified distribution factor error.

Surplus Congestion Revenue

Surplus congestion revenue is a misnomer. There is no such thing as surplus congestion revenue. The rights to all congestion revenue belong to load. Surplus congestion revenue, as defined in PJM rules, is an artifact of the flawed design of the current approach to FTR/ARRs. In the current design, surplus congestion revenue should be allocated to ARR holders because such revenue is part of total congestion revenues.

Based on market logic, there is no such thing as surplus FTR auction revenue. FTR Auction revenue results from the market prices paid by willing FTR buyers, should be paid to ARR holders who are the sellers, and should not be returned to FTR buyers for any reason.

Under the existing PJM rules, surplus day-ahead congestion is defined as the difference between the day-ahead congestion paid and FTR target allocations. Under the existing PJM rules, surplus FTR auction revenue is defined as the difference between the sum of monthly FTR auction revenue from the Long Term, Annual and monthly auctions, and ARR target allocations. Surplus FTR auction revenue can result from high prices in the FTR auctions, and from FTR capacity sold in excess of assigned ARR capacity on specific paths, and FTR capacity sold on paths not available to ARR holders.

Under the existing PJM rules, surplus congestion revenue is defined as the sum of the surplus day-ahead congestion revenue and the surplus FTR auction revenue at the end of each month.[47] Beginning with the 2014/2015 planning period, PJM may use surplus FTR auction revenue to pay for the clearing of counter flow FTRs as part of the auction clearing process.[48] The remaining surplus is first used to ensure that ARR target allocations in the month are fully funded. Any remaining surplus is used to pay any negative difference between day-ahead congestion revenue and FTR target allocations for the current month or prior months in the planning period. Any remaining surplus is used to pay any negative difference between day-ahead congestion revenue and FTR target allocations for the entire planning period at the end of the

47 Prior to the 2017/2018 planning period, the surplus congestion revenue was not the simple sum of the surplus FTR auction revenue and surplus day-ahead congestion because there were various cross market charges subtracted from FTR revenue, including M2M and competing use charges, which reduced available surplus congestion revenue.

48 *See* "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 34 (May 21, 2025).

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planning period. Any remaining surplus after that is distributed to ARR holders.[49]

If, at the end of the planning period, all the surplus congestion revenue has been provided to FTR holders and target allocations for the year are not covered, an uplift charge is assigned to FTR holders to cover the net planning period deficiency. An individual participant's uplift charge allocation is the ratio of their share of net positive target allocations to the total net positive target allocations.

Figure 13-12 shows the monthly composition of total surplus, by surplus FTR auction revenue and surplus congestion revenue from June 2017 through May 2026 as if FTRs were settled monthly, based on the congestion and FTR auction revenue in each individual month. In only six months of the 2025/2026 planning period (June, July, October, January, February, and May) was the day ahead congestion in that month alone enough to pay FTR target allocations for the month. In July 2025 there was no auction surplus and ARR holders were not paid the full target allocations for the month. Months with ARR deficiencies will be funded at the end of the planning period from surplus FTR revenues if there is an FTR surplus or through an uplift charge to FTR holders if there is not an FTR surplus. Figure 13-12 shows the extent to which FTRs are funded by the auction surplus. As part of the illogic of the FTR/ARR construct and as an illustration that it is unlike any actual market, FTR buyers pay ARR holders for the rights to congestion but FTR buyers may reclaim part of their payment if actual congestion is less than they expected and not enough to cover target allocations.

The market rules should recognize that ARR holders have the right to all surplus FTR auction revenue, not just the remainder after guaranteeing that FTRs are paid target allocations. The surplus FTR auction revenue results from the prices that FTR buyers willingly paid for the rights to price differences across specific paths. The MMU recommends that all FTR auction revenue be distributed to ARR holders monthly, regardless of FTR funding levels. The MMU recommends that, under the current FTR design, all congestion revenue in excess of FTR target allocations be distributed to ARR holders on a monthly basis. Under the MMU recommendation, the amount represented by each bar in Figure 13-13 would be assigned to ARR holders in every month.

49 On May 31, 2018, a rule change was implemented. Effective for the 2018/2019 planning period, surplus day-ahead congestion charges and surplus FTR auction revenue that remain at the end of the Planning Period allocated to ARR holders, rather than to FTR holders. 163 FERC ¶ 61,165 (2018).

Figure 13-12 Monthly surplus auction revenue and surplus congestion revenue: June 2017 through May 2026[50]

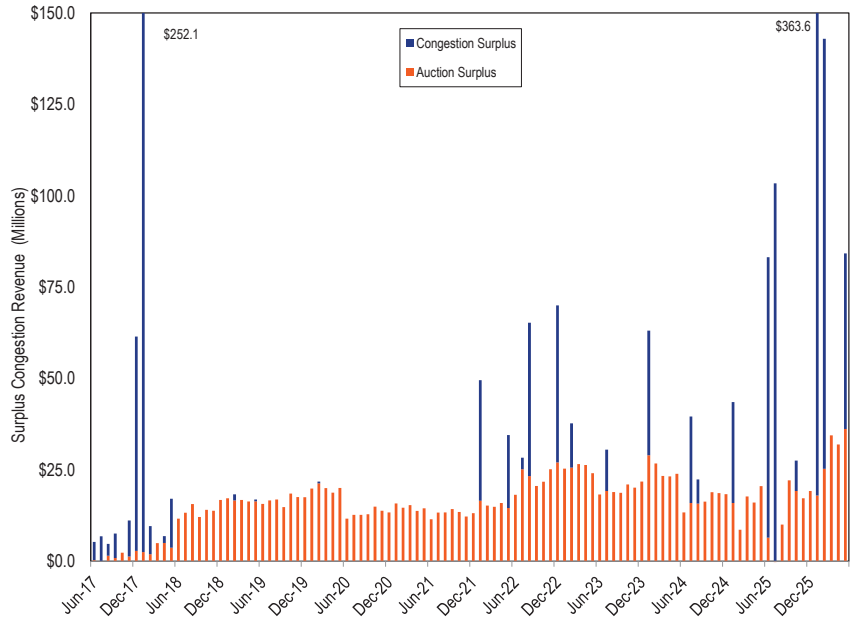

Figure 13-13 shows the increase or decrease in total accrued surplus for the planning period for each month (orange line). In Figure 13-13, if the FTR payments from the auction surplus are positive in a month (blue line above zero), that means that FTR payments in that month were dependent on FTR auction surplus from that month to cover the FTR target allocations in that month. If the change in the total accrued surplus for a month is positive, that means that there was surplus revenue (equal to the height of the orange bar) left over after paying FTR target allocations in that month from congestion or from auction revenue. This net surplus is carried until the end of the planning

50 The bars for January 2018 and January 2026 are truncated.

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period and used to backfill FTR target allocations as needed before distributing to ARR holders. If the change in total accrued surplus for a month is negative, that means that were insufficient revenues, including the auction surplus, to pay FTR target allocations in that month. If the net surplus is negative at the end of the planning period, total revenue paid to FTRs will be lower than total FTR target allocations. Under the current rules, FTRs are made whole using surplus revenue from other months within the same planning period or by an uplift charge to all FTR holders at the end of the planning period. The final settlements are not known until the end of the planning period.

In the 2024/2025 planning period there was not enough revenue from congestion plus auction surplus to pay FTR target allocations, resulting in a reduction to the entire planning period surplus of $196.2 million. ARR holders were required to subsidize FTR holders because congestion revenues were less than FTR target allocations.

In the 2025/2026 planning period, there was enough congestion to pay FTR target allocations. However, due to the monthly settlement process $117.7 million of FTR auction revenue was transferred from ARR holders to FTR holders in individual months that did not have enough revenue from congestion to pay FTR target allocations. Because there was enough congestion to pay FTR target allocations when summed over the entire planning period, all $117.7 million will be returned to ARR holders for the 2025/2026 planning period. Under the MMU's recommendation to distribute all FTR auction revenue to ARR holders every month, regardless of FTR funding levels, the $117.7 million of FTR auction revenue would have been paid to ARR holders in the month that it was collected by PJM and ARR holders would not be required to subsidize underperforming FTRs.

In the 2025/2026 planning period, day-ahead congestion increased by $3,157.4 million, 126.6 percent, from $2,494.9 million in the 2024/2025 planning period to $5,652.3 million the 2025/2026 planning period. Target allocations increased by $2,398.1 million, 87.8 percent, from $2,732.4 million in the 2024/2025 planning period to $5,130.4 million in the 2025/2026 planning period. The actual day-ahead congestion ($5,652.3 million) was greater than the target allocations ($5,130.4 million) in the 2025/2026 planning period.

In July 2025, there was a large increase in Residual ARR target allocations without a corresponding increase in Monthly FTR Auction revenue, resulting in the first month with an ARR deficiency in the history of the ARR market. This disconnect between the ARR and FTR markets is a result of the fact that congestion is incorrectly defined as target allocations, i.e. the property rights for congestion in the current ARR/FTR market design are not correctly defined.

Figure 13-13 Monthly ARR surplus: June 2017 through May 2026[51]

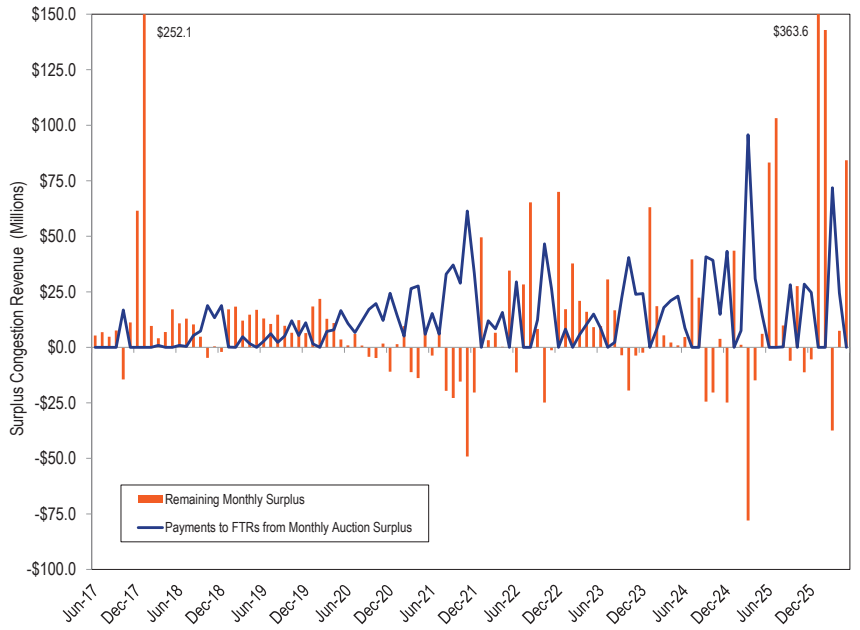

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Figure 13-14 shows the surplus FTR auction revenue from the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period. Each new planning period introduces a new FTR model, including outages and PJM's discretionary adjustments for revenue adequacy. The differences in the assumptions in the market model can result in large differences in FTR auction surplus and ARR revenue from one planning period to another. Payments to FTRs have relied on payments from the surplus rather than from day-ahead congestion. The persistent mismatch between target allocations and day-ahead congestion and the use of the surplus are another illustration of the internal illogic and incoherence of the PJM FTR/ARR design.

FTR auction revenue is the value that FTR buyers assign to congestion rights that belong to ARR holders. There is no logical or market based reason to assign any part of that auction revenue back to the FTR buyers. It is inconsistent with the operation of a market that sellers are required to return some of the purchase price to buyers if the purchase is less profitable for buyers than expected. Auction revenue from the sale of FTRs should be distributed directly and completely to ARR holders.

Figure 13-14 Monthly FTR auction surplus: 2011/2012 through 2025/2026 planning period

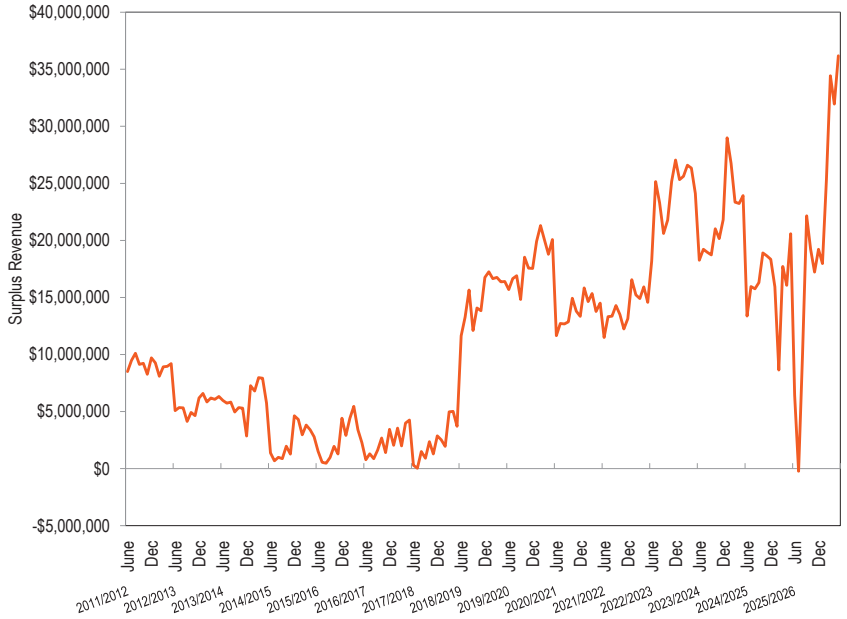

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Table 13-46 shows the surplus FTR auction revenue, surplus day-ahead congestion revenue and surplus congestion revenue for planning periods 2010/2011 through the 2025/2026 planning period.

Table 13-46 Surplus FTR Auction Revenue: 2010/2011 through 2025/2026 planning period[52]

Planning Period	Surplus FTR Auction Revenue (Millions)	Surplus Day-Ahead Congestion (Millions)	Surplus Congestion Revenue (Millions)
2010/2011	$29.7	($1,218.7)	($449.3)
2011/2012	$108.9	($460.3)	($192.5)
2012/2013	$66.7	($328.5)	($292.3)
2013/2014	$71.7	($715.3)	($678.7)
2014/2015*	$29.0	$139.8	$139.6
2015/2016	$29.6	$56.4	$42.5
2016/2017	$27.9	$97.1	$72.6
2017/2018	$27.4	$344.0	$371.2
2018/2019	$180.8	($68.5)	$112.3
2019/2020	$217.8	($87.9)	$140.7
2020/2021	$166.1	($185.1)	($14.5)
2021/2022	$168.5	($198.0)	($29.5)
2022/2023	$289.2	($54.0)	$235.2
2023/2024	$264.4	($146.7)	$117.8
2024/2025	$196.2	($236.1)	($39.9)
2025/2026	$239.9	$522.0	$761.8
Total	$2,114.0	($2,539.8)	$296.9

*Start of counter flow "buy back"

"Revenue Adequacy"

FTR revenue adequacy, like surplus congestion revenue, is a misnomer. FTR revenue adequacy, as defined in PJM rules, is an artifact of the flawed design of the current approach to FTR/ARRs. If FTRs only returned congestion to FTR holders, there could be no such thing as revenue inadequacy.

As currently defined in PJM, FTR revenue adequacy simply compares day-ahead congestion revenues to FTR target allocations. (Target allocations are the day-ahead CLMP differences, shadow prices, between the source and sink of the FTR times the MW of the FTR. Congestion revenues are the day-ahead CLMP differences, shadow prices, between sources and sinks times the MW flow on the lines.) There is no reason to expect congestion revenues to equal FTR target allocations under the path based approach. There are systematic differences between FTR target allocations and actual congestion in aggregate and on a path by path basis. Revenue adequacy is not a benchmark for how well the FTR process is working. Target allocations are not congestion. FTR revenue adequacy is not equivalent to the adequacy of ARRs as an offset for load against total congestion. A path specific target allocation is not a guarantee of payment. Yet PJM treats target allocations as a guarantee of payment and takes what is termed surplus auction revenue from ARR holders (load) and gives it to FTR holders when day-ahead congestion revenues are not enough to cover all FTR target allocations.

Actual day-ahead congestion revenues are not a result of PJM's decisions about the FTR auction model, but result from the operation of the day-ahead energy market. As a result, the fewer FTRs sold, the higher the probability that congestion will exceed the sum of the FTR target allocations. For example, PJM's subjective decision to reduce available ARR/FTR supply in the ARR/FTR market model through outage selection for the 2014/2015 through 2016/2017 planning periods resulted in actual day-ahead congestion exceeding target allocations at the expense of a reduction in available ARRs and associated FTRs. PJM's decisions have included the arbitrary use of higher outage levels and the decision to include additional constraints (closed loop interfaces) both of which reduced the FTRs made available for sale in FTR auctions. PJM's actions have led to a significant reduction in the allocation of Stage 1B and Stage 2 ARRs and therefore a reduction in available FTRs.

PJM's arbitrary decision to increase outages in the ARR allocation and in the Annual FTR Auction did not address the Stage 1A ARR over allocation issue directly because Stage 1A ARR allocations cannot be prorated. Instead, PJM's actions for the 2014/2015 through 2016/2017 planning periods resulted in decreased Stage 1B ARR allocations, decreased Stage 2 ARR allocations and decreased FTR capability. The direct assignment of balancing congestion (generally negative) and M2M payments to load beginning in the 2017/2018 planning period arbitrarily decreased congestion available for load and increased the congestion revenue available to pay FTR holders. PJM reduced

52 Total congestion surplus not equal to the sum of the columns in years prior to the 2017/2018 planning period because other charges were subtracted from the congestion surplus.

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the number of outages taken in the ARR allocation and in the Annual FTR Auction, increasing the supply of ARRs and FTRs. The current ARR/FTR design does not serve as an efficient way to ensure that load receives all the congestion revenues or has the ability to receive the auction revenues associated with all the potential congestion revenues. There are several reasons for the disconnect between congestion revenues and ARR/FTR revenues in the current design. The reasons include: the use of generation to load paths rather than a measure of total congestion to assign congestion revenue rights; the failure to provide to ARR holders the full system capability that is provided to FTR purchasers in the Long Term FTR Auction; unavoidable modeling differences such as emergency outages; avoidable modeling differences such as outage modeling decisions; and cross subsidies among and between FTR participants and ARR holders.

Revenue adequacy for ARRs is, for practical purposes, a meaningless concept. Revenue adequacy for ARRs means that FTR buyers collectively pay more than zero for FTRs in FTR auctions, and that those payments were received by ARR holders. For that reason, ARRs have unsurprisingly been defined to be revenue adequate for every auction to date. ARR revenue adequacy has nothing to do with the adequacy of ARRs as an offset to total congestion. ARRs can be revenue adequate at the same time that ARRs return only half of congestion to load, or even much less.

Total net FTR auction revenue for the 2024/2025 planning period, before accounting for self scheduling, load shifts or residual ARRs, was $1,664.9 million. For the 2025/2026 planning period, total net FTR auction revenue from each FTR auction occurred was $2,158.1 million. Total ARR target allocations for the 2024/2025 planning period were $1,448.1 million. For the 2025/2026 planning period, ARR target allocations were $1,885.5 million.

Table 13-47 presents the PJM FTR revenue detail for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods. This includes ARR target allocations from the Annual ARR Allocation and net revenue sources from the Long Term, Annual and Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions.[53] In this table, under the balancing congestion and M2M payment rules, any net negative congestion revenue is from day-ahead congestion and does not include balancing congestion. Any remaining surplus will be distributed to ARR holders at the end of the planning period, while any remaining deficiency will be charged to all FTR holders as FTR uplift at the end of the planning period. The actual surplus or deficiency for the planning period is not known until the end of the planning period. In the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods, FTRs were paid part of the ARR auction surplus to ensure the payment of the FTR target allocations for months where FTR target allocations were greater than the congestion revenue collected in that month. In the 2024/2025 planning period, there was not enough FTR revenue (including ARR auction surplus) to pay FTR target allocations, and ARR holders received no surplus at the end of the planning period. In the 2025/2026 planning period, there was enough congestion revenue to pay FTR target allocations. As a result, ARR holders received a surplus of $762.0 million at the end of the 2025/2026 planning period. This surplus includes $522.1 million of congestion revenue and the entire $239.9 ARR auction surplus. ARR revenues should not be held until the end of the planning period and should not be used to subsidize FTRs.

53 The final ARR values may change if load shifts.

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Table 13-47 Total annual ARR and FTR revenue detail (Dollars (Millions)): 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods

Accounting Element	2024/2025	2025/2026
ARR Information		
ARR Target Allocations	$1,448.1	$1,885.5
ARR Credits	$1,448.1	$1,885.5
FTR Auction Revenue	**$1,664.9**	**$2,158.1**
Annual FTR Auction Net Revenue	$1,475.3	$1,895.3
Long Term FTR Auction Net Revenue	$110.0	$153.0
Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auction Net Revenue	$79.6	$109.8
Surplus Auction Revenue		
ARR Surplus (FTR Auction Revenue - ARR Credits)	$216.8	$239.9
ARR Payout Ratio	100%	100%
FTR Targets		
Positive Target Allocations	$2,731.0	$6,530.4
Negative Target Allocations	($573.4)	($1,400.2)
FTR Target Allocations	$3,304.4	$5,130.3
FTR Revenues		
ARR Surplus	$216.8	$239.9
Congestion		
Net Negative Congestion	$0.0	$0.0
Hourly Congestion Revenue	$2,494.9	$5,652.3
Surplus Congestion Revenues Distributed to Other Months	$52.9	$60.2
Total FTR Congestion Credits	$2,691.1	$5,130.3
FTR Payout Ratio		
Congestion	75.5%	110.2%
Congestion and ARR Surplus	98.8%	100.0%
Remaining Deficiency	**$39.9**	**$0.0**
Remaining Surplus	$0.0	$762.04

FTR target allocations are defined based on hourly CLMP differences in the day-ahead energy market for FTR paths. FTR credits are paid to FTR holders and, depending on market conditions, can be less than the target allocations but are capped at target allocations. Table 13-48 lists the FTR revenues, target allocations, credits, payout ratios, congestion credit deficiencies and excess congestion charges by month for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods. FTR revenues include congestion and surplus FTR auction revenue.

The total row in Table 13-48 is not the sum of each of the monthly rows because the monthly rows may include excess revenues carried forward from prior months and excess revenues distributed back from later months.

Table 13-48 Monthly FTR accounting summary (Dollars (Millions)): 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods

Period	FTR Revenues	FTR Target Allocations	FTR Payout Ratio (original)	FTR Credits (with adjustments)	FTR Payout Ratio (with adjustments)	Monthly Credits Surplus (with adjustments)	Monthly Credits Deficiency (with adjustments)
Jun-24	$168.6	$164.0	100.0%	$161.6	98.6%	$4.7	$0.0
Jul-24	$387.4	$347.8	100.0%	$343.2	98.7%	$39.6	$0.0
Aug-24	$272.4	$249.9	100.0%	$246.5	98.6%	$22.5	$0.0
Sep-24	$144.9	$169.2	85.7%	$166.8	98.6%	$0.0	($24.2)
Oct-24	$156.2	$176.3	88.6%	$173.7	98.5%	$0.0	($20.1)
Nov-24	$103.2	$99.3	100.0%	$97.8	98.5%	$3.9	$0.0
Dec-24	$236.6	$260.7	90.7%	$256.9	98.5%	$0.0	($24.1)
Jan-25	$377.6	$334.0	100.0%	$328.8	98.5%	$43.5	$0.0
Feb-25	$155.2	$154.0	100.0%	$151.6	98.4%	$1.2	$0.0
Mar-25	$213.2	$291.2	73.2%	$286.7	98.5%	$0.0	($78.0)
Apr-25	$201.8	$216.7	93.1%	$213.5	98.5%	$0.0	($14.9)
May-25	$274.0	$267.9	100.0%	$264.0	98.5%	$6.0	$0.0
			Summary for Planning Period 2024/2025				
Total	$2,691.1	$2,731.0		$2,691.1			($39.9)
Jun-25	$430.0	$346.8	100.0%	$346.8	100.0%	$83.2	$0.0
Jul-25	$625.4	$522.0	100.0%	$522.0	100.0%	$103.4	$0.0
Aug-25	$186.8	$177.0	100.0%	$177.3	100.0%	$9.8	$0.0
Sep-25	$257.3	$263.4	97.7%	$263.6	100.0%	$0.0	($6.1)
Oct-25	$405.5	$378.0	100.0%	$378.0	100.0%	$27.6	$0.0
Nov-25	$239.9	$251.1	95.5%	$251.1	100.0%	$0.0	($11.2)
Dec-25	$457.2	$463.0	98.7%	$463.0	100.0%	$0.0	($5.5)
Jan-26	$1,359.7	$996.0	100.0%	$996.0	100.0%	$363.6	$0.0
Feb-26	$765.7	$623.0	100.0%	$623.0	100.0%	$142.7	$0.0
Mar-26	$233.9	$271.3	86.2%	$271.3	100.0%	$0.0	($37.3)
Apr-26	$313.7	$306.2	100.0%	$313.7	100.0%	$7.5	$0.0
May-26	$617.3	$533.0	100.0%	$617.3	100.0%	$84.2	$0.0
			Summary for Planning Period 2025/2026				
Total	$5,892.3	$5,130.8		$5,223.0		$762.0	

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Figure 13-15 shows the original PJM reported FTR payout ratio by month, excluding excess revenue distribution, for January 2004 through May 2026. The months with payout ratios above 100 percent have congestion revenue greater than the target allocations and the months with payout ratios under 100 percent have congestion revenue that is less than the target allocations. Figure 13-15 also shows the payout ratio after distributing surplus congestion revenue across months within the planning period. The payout ratio for months with a payout ratio less than 100 percent in the current planning period may change if surplus congestion revenue is collected in the remainder of the planning period and assigned to prior months.

Figure 13-15 FTR payout ratio by month, excluding and including excess revenue distribution: January 2004 through May 2026

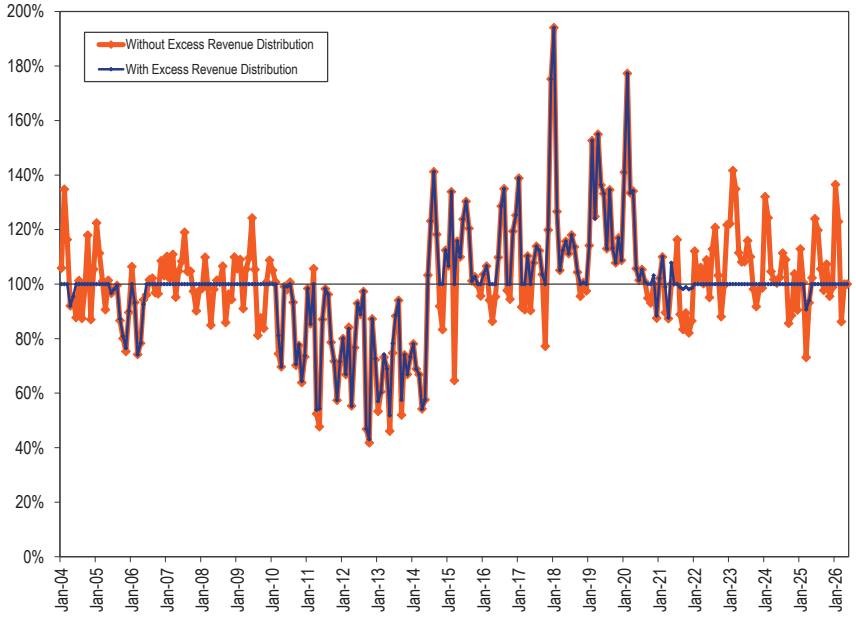

Table 13-49 shows the FTR payout ratio by planning period from the 2003/2004 planning period forward. The 2013/2014 planning period includes the additional revenue from unallocated congestion charges from Balancing Operating Reserves. Beginning with the 2018/2019 planning period payments to FTRs are limited to 100 percent of the target allocations.

The 2025/2026 planning period had a payout ratio of 100.0 percent.

Table 13-49 Reported FTR payout ratio by planning period[54]

Planning Period	FTR Payout Ratio
2003/2004	97.7%
2004/2005	100.0%
2005/2006	90.7%
2006/2007	100.0%
2007/2008	100.0%
2008/2009	100.0%
2009/2010	96.9%
2010/2011	85.0%
2011/2012	80.6%
2012/2013	67.8%
2013/2014	72.8%
2014/2015	116.2%
2015/2016	106.8%
2016/2017	112.6%
2017/2018	138.5%
2018/2019	100.0%
2019/2020	100.0%
2020/2021	98.7%
2021/2022	99.0%
2022/2023	100.0%
2023/2024	100.0%
2024/2025	98.8%
2025/2026	100.0%

54 The actual payout ratios for the 2006/2007, 2007/2008, and 2008/2009 planning periods may have exceeded 100 percent.

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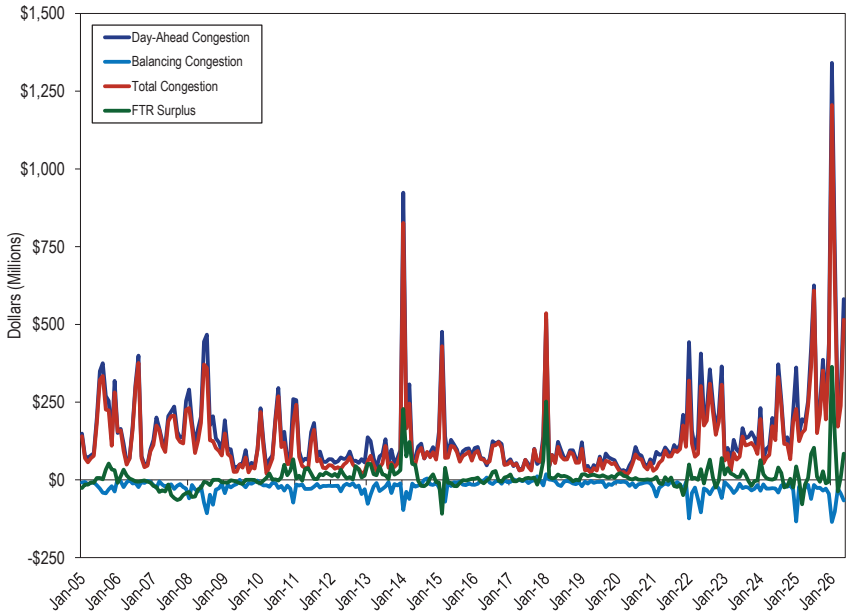
Figure 13-16 shows the day-ahead balancing, total congestion and the FTR surplus from 2005 through May 2026.

Figure 13-16 FTR surplus and day-ahead, balancing and total congestion: 2005 through May 2026[55]



Target Allocations and Congestion by Constraint Do Not Match

The path based ARR/FTR market design does not align with congestion based on actual network use. A comparison of the FTR target allocations for individual constraints to the day-ahead and total congestion by constraint provides evidence of this misalignment. Total congestion is the sum of day-ahead and balancing congestion. If FTR target allocations on some paths are significantly greater than actual congestion and FTR target allocations on other paths are significantly less than actual congestion, this is evidence of a serious flaw in the design. It is evidence of a mismatch between the definition of target allocations paid to FTR holders and the congestion that is the purported source of those payments.

FTR target allocations are the result of constraints on day-ahead paths in the energy market. Any specific FTR path may be affected by multiple constraints. Constraints that result in FTR target allocations greater than the congestion that results from those constraints mean that the FTR target allocations are greater than the actual congestion. Figure 13-17 shows the constraints that are the top 10 sources of positive FTR target allocations, for the 2025/2026 planning period. Figure 13-17 also shows the corresponding day-ahead congestion and total congestion that result from the identified constraints. Constraints for which FTR target allocations were greater than total congestion resulted in $9523.3 million of excess target allocations not funded by actual congestion. Such constraints include constraints in Figure 13-17, such as Lenox – North Meshoppen, which resulted in FTR target allocations that were 1.8 times larger than the corresponding total congestion. In order to pay FTRs their target allocations on these constraints, congestion from other constraints where congestion exceeds target allocations and auction surplus are used as the source. This is not consistent with an efficient market either for other FTR holders or for load.

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Figure 13-17 Top ten constraint sources of positive FTR target allocations: June 2025 through May 2026[56]

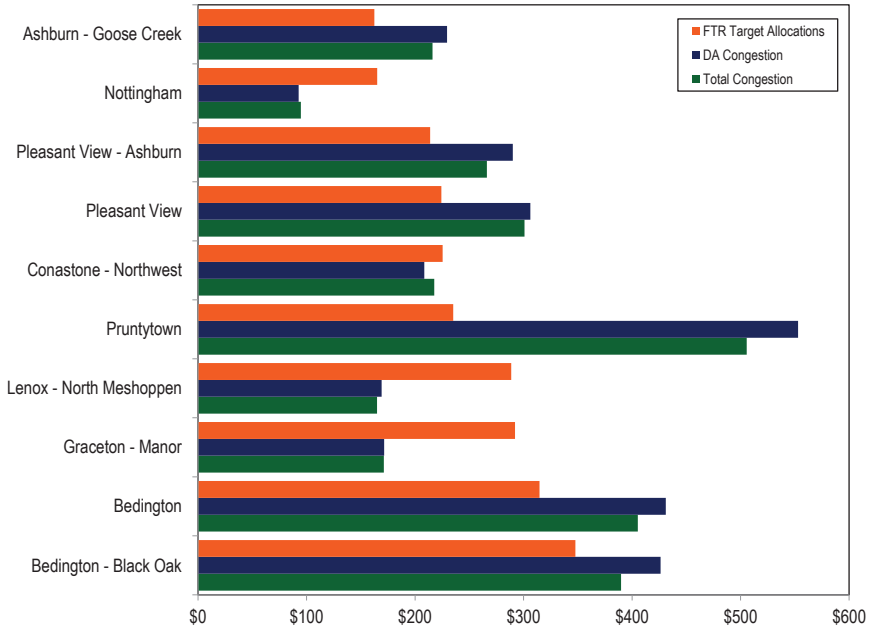

Figure 13-18 shows the hourly FTR target allocations, day-ahead congestion and balancing congestion for the Bedington – Black Oak constraint for the 2025/2026 planning period. Bedington – Black Oak constraint was the largest source of FTR target allocations during this period. The significant and variable difference between constraint specific FTR target allocations and constraint specific day ahead congestion provides evidence of the misalignment and over allocation of the path based FTR congestion rights relative to the actual network use of the physical energy market.

The Bedington – Black Oak constraint was a significant component of the overallocation of FTRs. FTRs routinely receive more target allocations than the congestion collected from the system because of the misalignment and over allocation of the path based FTR congestion rights relative to the actual network use of the physical energy market. The misalignment and overallocation of path based FTRs is exacerbated when line outages reduce the physical system capability between generation and load (the source of congestion revenue) relative to system capability assumed in the FTR market model.

Figure 13-18 Hourly FTR target allocations, total congestion, day-ahead congestion and balancing congestion for the Bedington – Black Oak constraint: June 2025 through May 2026[57]

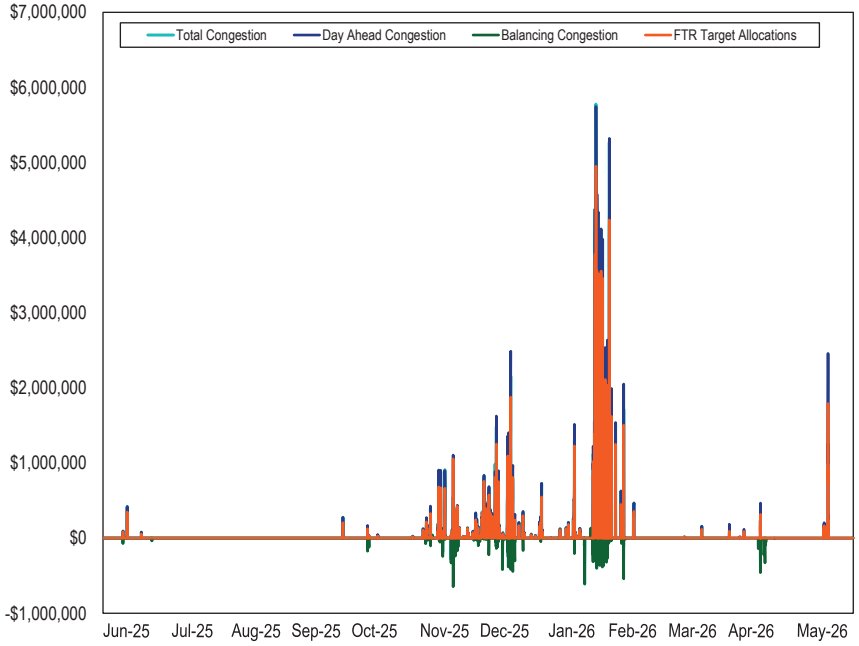

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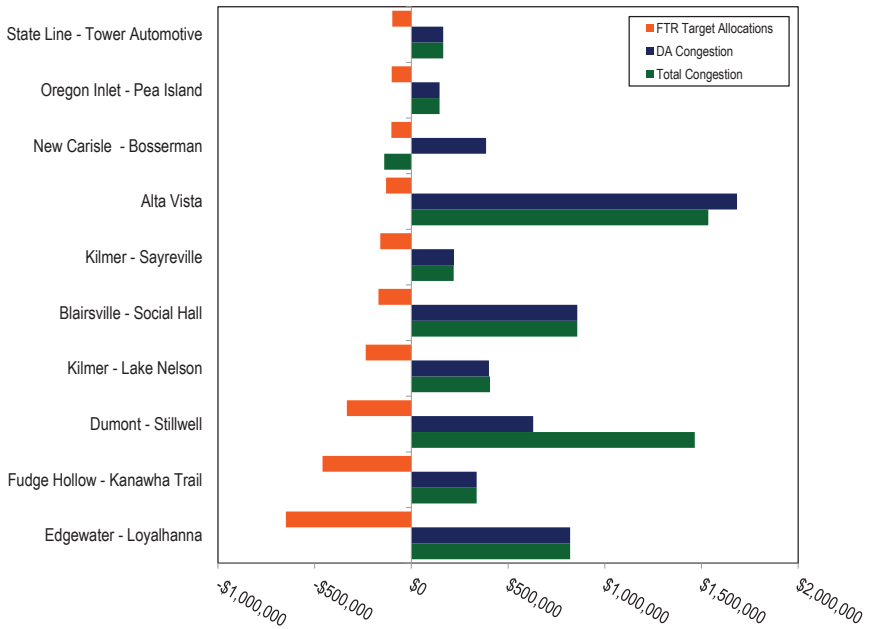
Figure 13-19 shows the constraints that are the top 10 sources of negative FTR target allocations (counter flow) for the 2025/2026 planning period. Figure 13-19 also shows the corresponding day-ahead congestion and total congestion that result from the identified constraints.

In the 2025/2026 planning period, there were 63 constraints that were sources of negative target allocations. Of the 54 constraints that were sources of negative target allocations, 58 resulted in positive actual total congestion. Constraints that contribute positive congestion revenues and have negative FTR target allocations are a source of funds used in the settlement process to pay for FTR target allocations on FTR paths that are overallocated relative to actual congestion.

Figure 13-19 Top ten constraint sources of negative FTR target allocations: June 2025 through May 2026[58] [59]



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ARRs as an Offset to Congestion for Load

Load pays 100 percent of congestion revenues. FTRs, and later ARRs, were intended to return congestion revenues to load to offset an unintended consequence of locational marginal pricing. With the implementation of the current, path based FTR/ARR design, the purpose of FTRs has been subverted. The inconsistencies between actual network solutions used to serve load and path based rights available to load cause a misalignment of congestion paid by load and the congestion paid to load, in aggregate and on a specific load basis. These inconsistencies between actual network use and path based rights cause cross subsidies between ARR holders and FTR holders and among ARR holders. One result of this misalignment is that individual zones have very different offsets due to the location of their path based ARRs compared to their actual congestion costs from actual network use.

Table 13-50 shows the ARR and FTR revenue paid to load, the congestion offset available to load with and without allocating balancing congestion to load and the congestion offset when surplus congestion revenue is allocated to load. The highlighted offsets are the actual offsets based on the rules that were effective in that planning period. The pre 2017/2018 offset is calculated as the ARR credits and the FTR credits excluding balancing congestion and M2M payments, divided by the total day-ahead congestion and the load share of balancing and M2M payments.

Total ARR and self scheduled FTR revenue offset only 55.7 percent of total congestion costs for the 2025/2026 planning period. Load was underpaid by $2.2 billion in the 2025/2026 planning period, a $1.3 billion increase from the $0.9 billion underpayment in the 2024/2025 planning period. The $2.2 billion underpayment is the difference between the 2025/2026 planning period congestion ($4.9 billion) and the 2025/2026 planning period offset ($2.7 billion) in Table 13-50. This is the largest underpayment that load has experienced in a single planning period. Load was underpaid by $7.1 billion from the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period.

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Table 13-50 ARR and self scheduled FTR total congestion offset (in millions) for ARR holders: 2011/2012 through 2025/2026 planning periods[60]

		Revenue							Pre 2017/2018 (Without Balancing)		2017/2018 (With Balancing)		Post 2017/2018 (With Balancing and Surplus)		Effective Offset	
Planning Period	ARR Credits	Unadjusted SS FTR Credits	Day Ahead Congestion	Balancing + M2M Congestion	Total Congestion	Surplus Revenue Pre 2017/2018 Rules	Surplus Revenue 2017/2018 Rules	Post 2017/2018 Rules	Total ARR/ FTR Offset	Percent Offset	Current Revenue Received	Percent Offset	New Revenue Received	New Offset	Cumulative Revenue	Offset
2011/2012	$515.6	$310.0	$1,025.4	($275.7)	$749.7	($50.6)	$35.6	$113.9	$775.0	103.4%	$585.5	78.1%	$663.8	88.5%	$775.0	103.4%
2012/2013	$356.4	$268.4	$904.7	($379.9)	$524.8	($94.0)	$18.4	$62.1	$530.7	101.1%	$263.2	50.2%	$306.9	58.5%	$530.7	101.1%
2013/2014	$339.4	$626.6	$2,231.3	($360.6)	$1,870.6	($139.4)	($49.0)	($49.0)	$826.5	44.2%	$556.3	29.7%	$556.3	29.7%	$826.5	44.2%
2014/2015	$487.4	$348.1	$1,625.9	($268.3)	$1,357.6	$36.7	$111.2	$400.6	$872.2	64.2%	$678.4	50.0%	$967.8	71.3%	$872.2	64.2%
2015/2016	$641.8	$209.2	$1,098.7	($147.6)	$951.1	$9.2	$42.1	$188.9	$860.2	90.4%	$745.5	78.4%	$892.3	93.8%	$860.2	90.4%
2016/2017	$648.1	$149.9	$885.7	($104.8)	$780.8	$15.1	$36.5	$179.0	$813.1	104.1%	$729.6	93.4%	$872.1	111.7%	$813.1	104.1%
2017/2018	$429.6	$212.3	$1,322.1	($129.5)	$1,192.6	$52.3	$80.4	$370.7	$694.2	58.2%	$592.8	49.7%	$883.1	74.1%	$592.8	49.7%
2018/2019	$531.6	$130.1	$832.7	($152.6)	$680.0	($5.8)	$16.2	$112.2	$655.87	96.4%	$525.3	77.2%	$621.3	91.4%	$621.3	91.4%
2019/2020	$547.6	$91.9	$612.1	($169.4)	$442.7	($1.6)	$21.6	$157.8	$637.9	144.1%	$491.7	111.1%	$627.9	141.8%	$627.9	141.8%
2020/2021	$392.7	$179.9	$899.6	($256.2)	$643.4	($43.2)	($0.0)	($0.0)	$529.31	82.3%	$316.4	49.2%	$316.4	49.2%	$316.4	49.2%
2021/2022	$469.7	$500.5	$2,069.2	($457.4)	$1,611.8	($104.6)	($2.9)	($2.9)	$865.6	53.7%	$509.9	31.6%	$509.9	31.6%	$509.9	31.6%
2022/2023	$998.7	$630.0	$2,223.5	($526.5)	$1,697.1	($80.6)	$65.1	$235.2	$1,548.2	91.2%	$1,167.4	68.8%	$1,337.5	78.8%	$1,337.5	78.8%
2023/2024	$912.1	$371.4	$1,618.9	($327.0)	$1,291.9	($44.1)	$24.6	$117.2	$1,239.4	95.9%	$981.2	76.0%	$1,073.7	83.1%	$1,073.7	83.1%
2024/2025	$954.7	$658.0	$2,494.8	($475.5)	$2,019.4	($124.2)	($9.6)	($9.6)	$1,488.6	73.7%	$1,127.7	55.8%	$1,127.7	55.8%	$1,127.7	55.8%
2025/2026	$1,179.6	$1,553.7	$5,651.5	($777.8)	$4,873.8	($5.0)	$230.5	$761.2	$2,728.2	56.0%	$2,186.0	44.9%	$2,716.7	55.7%	$2,716.7	55.7%
Total	$9,404.9	$6,240.1	$25,496.0	($4,808.8)	$20,687.3	($579.9)	$620.7	$2,637.3	$15,065.1	72.8%	$11,456.9	55.4%	$13,473.5	65.1%	$13,601.6	65.7%

Table 13-50 illustrates the inadequacies of the ARR/FTR design. The goal of the design should be to give the rights to 100 percent of the congestion revenues to the load.

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Table 13-51 shows the cumulative offset and shortfall using the rules that were effective in the given planning period to calculate the ARR/FTR revenue. The cumulative offset, beginning in the 2011/2012 planning period, is the sum of the revenue received for that planning period and all previous planning periods divided by the total congestion for that planning period and all previous planning periods. The cumulative shortfall is the cumulative difference between the ARR holders' revenue and the congestion they paid, for each planning period and the planning periods prior to each planning period.

From the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period, the cumulative offset, the cumulative return of congestion to load, was only 65.7 percent based on the total congestion and the effective offset rules that were in place for each planning period. Load has been underpaid by $7.1 billion from the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2025/2026 planning period. This is an increase of $2.2 billion from the $4.9 billion that load had been underpaid for the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2024/2025 planning period. This is the largest underpayment that load has experienced in a single planning period. The $7.1 billion underpayment is the difference between the total congestion ($20.7 billion) and the total offset ($13.6 billion) in Table 13-50.

Table 13-51 ARR and self scheduled FTR cumulative offset for ARR holders: 2011/2012 through 2025/2026 planning periods[61]

Planning Period	Cumulative Offset	Cumulative Shortfall (Millions)
2011/2012	103.4%	$25.3
2012/2013	102.4%	$31.2
2013/2014	67.8%	($1,012.9)
2014/2015	66.7%	($1,498.3)
2015/2016	70.9%	($1,589.2)
2016/2017	75.0%	($1,556.9)
2017/2018	71.0%	($2,156.7)
2018/2019	72.7%	($2,215.4)
2019/2020	76.3%	($2,030.2)
2020/2021	74.4%	($2,357.2)
2021/2022	68.0%	($3,459.1)
2022/2023	69.5%	($3,818.7)
2023/2024	70.7%	($4,036.8)
2024/2025	68.8%	($4,928.5)
2025/2026	65.7%	($7,085.6)

Zonal ARR Congestion Offset

Zonal ARR congestion offsets vary significantly across zones. There is no good reason that this should be the result of a system designed to return congestion to load. PJM has offered no explanation for this result. This outcome is a direct result of the flawed definition of congestion and of the method for assigning rights to congestion to ARR holders. The results show that path based ARR assignments in the current path based ARR/FTR design are not aligned with actual network use by load, and are therefore not aligned with how congestion is actually paid by load on actual network usage. Due to this misalignment of ARR rights relative to actual network usage, individual loads cannot claim the congestion they paid through assigned ARRs. One result of the misalignment of path based ARR rights are cross subsidies among ARR holders.

ARRs are allocated to zonal load based on historical generation to load transmission contract paths, in many cases based on 1999 contract paths. ARRs are allocated within zones based on zonal base load (Stage 1A) and

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zonal peak loads (other stages). ARR revenue is the result of the prices that result from the sale of FTRs through the FTR auctions. ARR revenue for each zone is the revenue for the ARRs that sink in each zone.

Congestion paid by load in a zone is the total difference between what the zonal load pays in congestion charges net of payments to the generation that serves the zonal load, including generation in the zone and outside the zone.[62]

Table 13-52 shows the day-ahead congestion and balancing congestion and M2M charges paid by load in each zone along with the congestion offsets paid to load: FTR auction revenue; self scheduled FTR revenue adjusted by the payout ratio for FTRs if below 100 percent; and the allocation of end of planning period surplus.[63] The offset for the 2025/2026 planning period includes the current surplus revenue at the end of the planning period. Table 13-52 also shows payments by load for balancing congestion and M2M payments. The total congestion offset paid to load is the sum of all of those credits and charges.

The zonal offset percentage shown in Table 13-52 is the sum of the congestion related revenues (offset) paid to load in each zone divided by the total congestion payment made by load in each zone.

Table 13-52 Zonal ARR and self scheduled FTR total congestion offset (in millions) for ARR holders: 2025/2026 planning period[64]

Zone	ARR Credits	Adjusted FTR Credits	Balancing+ M2M Charge	Surplus Allocation	Total Offset	Day Ahead Congestion	Balancing Congestion	M2M Payments	Total Congestion	Offset
ACEC	$2.4	$0.2	($8.37)	$1.0	($4.9)	$60.2	($6.4)	($2.0)	$51.8	(9.4%)
AEP	$89.2	$265.2	($122.9)	$89.2	$320.7	$894.5	($94.2)	($28.7)	$771.6	41.6%
APS	$86.0	$231.8	($52.3)	$52.0	$317.5	$383.3	($42.3)	($10.0)	$331.0	95.9%
ATSI	$60.5	$5.1	($54.7)	$24.8	$35.6	$395.4	($41.3)	($13.5)	$340.6	10.5%
BGE	$212.8	$25.2	($29.3)	$89.1	$297.7	$249.7	($23.2)	($6.1)	$220.4	135.1%
COMED	$108.5	$4.3	($73.9)	$44.0	$82.8	$570.8	($55.0)	($18.8)	$496.9	16.7%
DAY	$13.9	$4.3	($14.7)	$6.1	$9.6	$106.6	($11.1)	($3.5)	$91.9	10.4%
DOM	$144.0	$931.9	($141.4)	$17.0	$951.4	$1,035.2	($114.2)	($27.2)	$893.8	106.5%
DPL	$104.6	$18.1	($20.0)	$5.0	$107.6	$147.2	($16.3)	($3.8)	$127.1	84.7%
DUKE	$40.7	$3.1	($22.5)	$253.9	$275.2	$164.2	($17.2)	($5.3)	$141.7	194.1%
DUQ	$12.0	$0.7	($10.7)	$47.3	$49.3	$72.9	($8.1)	($2.6)	$62.3	79.3%
EKPC	$7.5	($0.0)	($13.2)	$3.0	($2.7)	$98.5	($10.3)	($2.9)	$85.3	(3.2%)
EXT	$2.1	$0.0	($16.4)	$0.4	($13.9)	$79.8	($16.4)	$0.0	$63.4	(22.0%)
JCPLC	$6.5	$6.5	($22.8)	$3.7	($6.1)	$166.8	($18.4)	($4.4)	$144.0	(4.3%)
MEC	$16.1	$2.5	($20.2)	$7.1	$5.5	$106.2	($17.1)	($3.0)	$86.0	6.4%
OVEC	$0.0	$0.0	($0.8)	$0.0	($0.7)	$6.8	($0.7)	($0.0)	$6.1	(12.3%)
PE	$52.6	$21.7	($14.2)	$25.5	$85.6	$103.1	($10.9)	($3.3)	$88.9	96.3%
PECO	$12.4	$0.3	($35.1)	$5.1	($17.4)	$239.1	($27.4)	($7.8)	$204.0	(8.5%)
PEPCO	$90.0	$21.9	($27.4)	$39.4	$123.8	$236.0	($21.8)	($5.6)	$208.6	59.3%
PPL	$63.0	$7.9	($38.2)	$26.0	$58.6	$266.7	($30.0)	($8.2)	$228.4	25.7%
PSEG	$52.9	$2.7	($37.5)	$21.4	$39.6	$259.8	($28.9)	($8.6)	$222.3	17.8%
REC	$2.5	$0.0	($1.3)	$1.0	$2.3	$9.0	($1.0)	($0.3)	$7.7	29.3%
Total	$1,179.6	$1,553.4	($777.8)	$761.8	$2,717.1	$5,651.5	($612.2)	($165.6)	$4,873.8	55.7%

62 See "Constraint Based Congestion Calculations," PJM ARR FTR Market Task Force (July 17, 2020) <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/task-forces/afmtf/2020/20200722/20200722-item-03a-constraint-based-congestion-calculations.ashx>.
63 See *2020 Annual State of the Market Report for PJM*, Volume 2, Section 11: Congestion and Marginal Losses
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The total congestion offset paid to loads in the 2025/2026 planning period was 55.7 percent of congestion costs. The results vary significantly by zone. Loads in some zones, like BGE and DOM, receive substantially more in offsets than their total congestion payments. Loads in other zones, like MEC, receive substantially less in offsets than their total congestion payments. Loads in some zones, like ACEC and PECO, have higher balancing congestion and M2M charges than the load is able to offset with ARRs and FTRs, resulting in a negative total offset meaning that loads in these zones pay more than 100 percent of their congestion instead of having congestion fully offset which is goal of FTRs. The offsets are a function of the assignment of ARRs and the valuation of ARRs in the FTR auctions.

The amount and proportion of the offset that can be realized by load serving entities via their ARR allocations varies by planning period. The offsets are a function of the assignment of ARRs relative to the actual network sources of congestion, the valuation of ARRs in the FTR auctions and the congestion revenue from self scheduled ARRs. If the prices for FTRs are high relative to realized congestion, the offset provided by ARR is increased relative to cases where the prices for FTRs are low relative to realized congestion. While the amount of congestion that is returned to the load varies by planning period, PJM's ARR/FTR design has consistently failed to return the congestion revenues to the load that paid it. It is not possible for load to recover all of the congestion that they pay under the current design in which the rights to congestion revenues are assigned based on fictitious contract paths.

Offset If All ARRs Are Held As ARRs

Table 13-53 shows the total congestion offset that would be available to ARR holders via allocated ARRs, by zone, if the ARRs holders held all their allocated ARRs in the 2023/2024, 2024/2025, and 2025/2026 planning periods and did not self schedule any. The calculated offset assumes that ARR holders receive the same surplus allocation from each planning period. If ARR holders held all their allocated ARRs for the 2025/2026 planning period, the ARR Target Allocations and Surplus Allocation would have offset only 39.0 percent of the congestion paid by load. However, the offset that would be received by individual zones varies widely, from -9.5 percent for ACEC to 128.9 percent for BGE. If ARR holders self scheduled all their allocated ARRs for the 2025/2026 planning period, the ARR Target Allocations and Surplus Allocation would have offset 55.7 percent of the congestion paid by load (Table 13-54). These results reflect the fact that actual congestion was relatively high, meaning that FTRs were comparatively more valuable, and FTR prices were relatively low, meaning the ARRs were comparatively less valuable. Self scheduled FTRs are paid from actual congestion revenues while ARRs are paid from auction revenues, in both cases plus any remaining congestion revenues not paid to FTRs (incorrectly referred to as surplus).

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Table 13-53 Offset available to load if all ARRs are held: 2023/2024 through 2025/2026 planning periods[65]

	23/24 Planning Period					24/25 Planning Period					25/26 Planning Period				
	ARR Held TA	Surplus Allocation	Bal+M2M Charges	Congestion+M2M	Offset	ARR Held TA	Surplus Allocation	Bal+M2M Charges	Congestion+M2M	Offset	ARR Held TA	Surplus Allocation	Bal+M2M Charges	Congestion+M2M	Offset
ACEC	$4.9	$0.3	($3.8)	$10.8	12.8%	$4.5	($0.0)	($5.4)	$18.8	(5.1%)	$2.5	$1.0	($8.4)	$51.8	(9.5%)
AEP	$185.2	$13.5	($50.4)	$201.8	73.5%	$160.6	($0.0)	($72.1)	$327.3	27.1%	$224.7	$89.2	($122.9)	$771.6	24.8%
APS	$85.5	$6.2	($22.4)	$87.6	79.3%	$96.9	($0.0)	($33.3)	$149.2	42.6%	$130.9	$52.0	($52.3)	$331.0	39.5%
ATSI	$50.3	$3.7	($25.6)	$99.4	28.5%	$61.9	($0.0)	($33.8)	$169.2	16.6%	$62.5	$24.8	($54.7)	$340.6	9.6%
BGE	$145.8	$10.6	($12.5)	$44.4	324.3%	$153.0	($0.0)	($18.2)	$79.9	168.7%	$224.2	$89.1	($29.3)	$220.4	128.9%
COMED	$44.9	$3.3	($31.4)	$215.9	7.8%	$55.3	($0.0)	($42.4)	$232.2	5.5%	$110.7	$44.0	($73.9)	$496.9	16.3%
DAY	$13.3	$0.9	($6.7)	$23.7	31.7%	$13.7	($0.0)	($8.8)	$39.1	12.5%	$15.3	$6.1	($14.7)	$91.9	7.3%
DOM	$642.0	$46.9	($52.0)	$181.8	350.4%	$430.5	($0.0)	($82.9)	$323.2	107.6%	$639.0	$253.9	($141.4)	$893.8	84.1%
DPL	$69.6	$5.1	($8.4)	$51.2	129.6%	$90.8	($0.0)	($13.9)	$70.7	108.8%	$119.1	$47.3	($20.0)	$127.1	115.1%
DUKE	$52.1	$3.8	($10.3)	$37.7	121.0%	$49.2	($0.0)	($13.3)	$55.2	64.9%	$42.7	$17.0	($22.5)	$141.7	26.2%
DUQ	$8.6	$0.6	($5.2)	$15.1	26.5%	$12.1	($0.0)	($6.8)	$25.1	21.0%	$12.5	$5.0	($10.7)	$62.3	10.9%
EKPC	$6.5	$0.4	($5.7)	$20.6	6.1%	$8.3	($0.0)	($8.1)	$32.2	0.7%	$7.6	$3.0	($13.2)	$85.3	(3.1%)
EXT	$1.9	$0.1	($9.6)	$26.4	(28.8%)	$1.2	($0.0)	($12.7)	$27.2	(42.1%)	$1.6	$0.4	($16.4)	$63.4	(22.8%)
JCPLC	$4.6	$0.3	($10.4)	$32.4	(17.1%)	$9.1	($0.0)	($14.6)	$54.8	(10.0%)	$9.4	$3.7	($22.8)	$144.0	(6.7%)
MEC	$34.2	$2.5	($6.7)	$21.8	137.7%	$24.2	($0.0)	($12.7)	$35.5	32.4%	$17.8	$7.1	($20.2)	$86.0	5.4%
OVEC	($0.0)	($0.0)	($0.4)	$2.1	(20.4%)	$0.0	($0.0)	($0.5)	$3.6	(13.6%)	$0.0	$0.0	($0.8)	$6.1	(12.3%)
PE	$22.2	$1.6	($6.5)	$28.3	61.2%	$50.0	($0.0)	($9.6)	$43.7	92.5%	$64.1	$25.5	($14.2)	$88.9	84.8%
PECO	$21.2	$1.5	($14.9)	$42.3	18.4%	$29.8	($0.0)	($22.0)	$75.6	10.3%	$12.9	$5.1	($35.1)	$204.0	(8.4%)
PEPCO	$65.4	$4.8	($11.6)	$38.3	153.1%	$65.3	($0.0)	($17.0)	$69.3	69.8%	$99.1	$39.4	($27.4)	$208.6	53.3%
PPL	$80.0	$5.9	($15.6)	$57.9	121.3%	$68.1	($0.0)	($23.2)	$97.0	46.3%	$65.4	$26.0	($38.2)	$228.4	23.3%
PSEG	$69.3	$5.1	($16.4)	$50.3	115.0%	$81.1	($0.0)	($23.5)	$87.2	66.1%	$53.9	$21.4	($37.5)	$222.3	17.0%
REC	$2.7	$0.2	($0.6)	$2.2	107.9%	$3.1	($0.0)	($0.8)	$3.5	66.0%	$2.5	$1.0	($1.3)	$7.7	29.3%
Total	$1,610.1	$117.2	($327.0)	$1,291.9	108.4%	$1,468.7	($0.0)	($475.4)	$2,019.4	49.2%	$1,918.1	$761.8	($777.8)	$4,873.8	39.0%

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Offset If All ARRs Are Self Scheduled

Table 13-54 shows the total congestion offset that would be available to ARR holders via allocated ARRs, by zone, if the ARR holders self scheduled all their ARRs received in the annual auction process as FTRs in the 2023/2024, 2024/2025, and 2025/2026 planning periods. Market rules allow ARRs available in the annual auction process to be self scheduled as FTRs. Any ARRs awarded monthly as residual ARRs cannot be self scheduled but provide ARR revenue based on monthly auction results. The calculated offset assumes self scheduled FTR target allocations receive the same payout ratio and that ARR holders receive the same surplus allocation from each planning period. Residual ARRs cannot be self scheduled and are included in addition to the self scheduled FTR target allocations. If ARR holders had self scheduled all their allocated ARRs to FTRs for the 2025/2026 planning period, the self scheduled FTR Target Allocations and Residual ARR Target Allocations would have offset 83.6 percent of the congestion paid by load. The results show that the recovery of congestion varies significantly by zone and that the load in some zones recovers more than the congestion paid and the load in other zones recovers less. This result is not consistent with a rational FTR/ARR design under which all load would be returned their congestion, but no more and no less.

Table 13-54 Offset available to load if all ARRs self scheduled: 2023/2024 through 2025/2026 planning periods[66]

	23/24 Planning Period						24/25 Planning Period						25/26 Planning Period					
	SS FTR	Surplus Allocation	Residual ARR Credits	Bal+M2M Charges	Congestion+M2M	Offset	SS FTR	Surplus Allocation	Residual ARR Credits	Bal+M2M Charges	Congestion+M2M	Offset	SS FTR	Surplus Allocation	Residual ARR Credits	Bal+M2M Charges	Congestion+M2M	Offset
ACEC	$4.5	$0.3	$0.0	($3.8)	$10.8	9.7%	$0.7	($0.0)	$0.0	($5.4)	$18.8	(25.3%)	$3.3	$1.0	$0.0	($8.4)	$51.8	(7.8%)
AEP	$101.4	$13.5	$3.2	($50.4)	$201.8	33.5%	$212.6	($0.0)	$4.7	($72.1)	$327.3	44.4%	$404.5	$89.2	$0.7	($122.9)	$771.6	48.2%
APS	$77.5	$6.2	$0.6	($22.4)	$87.6	70.7%	$132.1	($0.0)	$8.3	($33.3)	$149.2	71.8%	$668.7	$52.0	$0.2	($52.3)	$331.0	202.0%
ATSI	$84.3	$3.7	$0.1	($25.6)	$99.4	62.8%	$73.9	($0.0)	$0.1	($33.8)	$169.2	23.7%	$107.7	$24.8	$0.0	($54.7)	$340.6	22.8%
BGE	$190.3	$10.6	$0.0	($12.5)	$44.4	424.6%	$183.8	($0.0)	$0.2	($18.2)	$79.9	207.6%	$393.0	$89.1	$2.2	($29.3)	$220.4	206.5%
COMED	$83.0	$3.3	$0.0	($31.4)	$215.9	25.4%	$75.7	($0.0)	$0.1	($42.4)	$232.2	14.4%	$228.7	$44.0	$0.0	($73.9)	$496.9	40.0%
DAY	$12.3	$0.9	$0.2	($6.7)	$23.7	28.3%	$15.1	($0.0)	$0.9	($8.8)	$39.1	18.4%	$18.8	$6.1	$0.0	($14.7)	$91.9	11.1%
DOM	$292.8	$46.9	$0.5	($52.0)	$181.8	158.6%	$32.0	($0.0)	$8.5	($82.9)	$323.2	(13.1%)	$1,312.0	$253.9	$64.3	($141.4)	$893.8	166.6%
DPL	$87.8	$5.1	$0.0	($8.4)	$51.2	165.2%	$619.5	($0.0)	$0.5	($13.9)	$70.7	857.5%	$68.6	$47.3	$11.0	($20.0)	$127.1	84.1%
DUKE	$55.8	$3.8	$0.0	($10.3)	$37.7	130.8%	$87.6	($0.0)	$0.2	($13.3)	$55.2	134.9%	$10.9	$17.0	$0.1	($22.5)	$141.7	3.9%
DUQ	$19.7	$0.6	$0.0	($5.2)	$15.1	100.3%	$12.5	($0.0)	$0.0	($6.8)	$25.1	22.8%	$123.9	$5.0	$0.0	($10.7)	$62.3	189.9%
EKPC	$8.7	$0.4	$0.0	($5.7)	$20.6	16.6%	$4.7	($0.0)	$1.1	($8.1)	$32.2	(7.2%)	$7.4	$3.0	$0.0	($13.2)	$85.3	(3.2%)
EXT	$1.3	$0.1	$0.0	($9.6)	$26.4	(31.0%)	$1.2	($0.0)	$0.0	($12.7)	$27.2	(42.1%)	$2.8	$0.4	$0.0	($16.4)	$63.4	(20.8%)
JCPLC	$6.1	$0.3	$0.0	($10.4)	$32.4	(12.4%)	$9.0	($0.0)	$0.1	($14.6)	$54.8	(9.8%)	$15.0	$3.7	$0.7	($22.8)	$144.0	(2.3%)
MEC	$5.4	$2.5	$0.0	($6.7)	$21.8	5.1%	$18.4	($0.0)	$0.3	($12.7)	$35.5	17.0%	$17.8	$7.1	$0.7	($20.2)	$86.0	6.3%
OVEC	($0.0)	($0.0)	$0.0	($0.4)	$2.1	(19.3%)	($0.0)	($0.0)	$0.0	($0.5)	$3.6	(13.6%)	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	($0.8)	$6.1	(12.3%)
PE	$46.0	$1.6	$0.0	($6.5)	$28.3	145.2%	$6.3	($0.0)	$0.2	($9.6)	$43.7	(7.0%)	$134.0	$25.5	$0.0	($14.2)	$88.9	163.4%
PECO	$29.0	$1.5	$0.0	($14.9)	$42.3	37.0%	$118.4	($0.0)	$0.0	($22.0)	$75.6	127.6%	$4.8	$5.1	$0.0	($35.1)	$204.0	(12.4%)
PEPCO	$73.3	$4.8	$0.0	($11.6)	$38.3	173.8%	$89.0	($0.0)	$0.3	($17.0)	$69.3	104.4%	$215.5	$39.4	$0.1	($27.4)	$208.6	109.1%
PPL	$37.1	$5.9	$0.0	($15.6)	$57.9	47.2%	$106.0	($0.0)	$0.6	($23.2)	$97.0	86.1%	$178.8	$26.0	$0.0	($38.2)	$228.4	72.9%
PSEG	$49.3	$5.1	$0.0	($16.4)	$50.3	75.3%	$66.0	($0.0)	$0.1	($23.5)	$87.2	48.9%	$90.6	$21.4	$1.1	($37.5)	$222.3	34.0%
REC	$3.7	$0.2	$0.0	($0.6)	$2.2	152.7%	$4.4	($0.0)	$0.0	($0.8)	$3.5	102.7%	$3.8	$1.0	$0.2	($1.3)	$7.7	48.9%
Total	$1,269.4	$117.2	$4.5	($327.0)	$1,291.9	82.4%	$1,891.6	($0.0)	$26.3	($475.4)	$2,019.4	71.4%	$4,010.7	$761.8	$81.7	($777.8)	$4,873.8	83.6%

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ARR Allocation and Congestion In and Out of Zone

Table 13-55 shows the share of ARR MW in the annual ARR allocation for the 2024/2025, 2025/2026, and 2026/2027 planning periods with paths that source inside and outside the zone where the ARR load is located (see Table 13-4) and the proportion of congestion that results from constraints that are inside and outside the zone for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning period. Table 13-55 allows a comparison of externally sourced ARRs with the congestion that results from external constraints. For the 2025/2026 planning period, 90.0 percent of congestion resulted from constraints that are outside the zone of the load that paid the congestion, up 5.4 percentage points from 84.5 percent for the 2024/2025 planning period. In contrast for the 2025/2026 planning period, only 21.4 percent of ARR MW originate outside the zone where the ARR load is located, down 1.0 percentage points from 22.4 percent for the 2024/2025 planning period. For the 2026/2027 planning period, 20.3 percent of ARR MW originate outside the zone where the load is located. While the share of ARR MW that originate outside the zone varies between the individual zones, congestion results primarily from constraints that are outside the zone, for each of the individual zones.

Table 13-55 illustrates one of the fundamental issues with the contract path based approach to ARR/FTR design. In the PJM market, which operates as an integrated network, a significant proportion of congestion results from constraints that are not in the same zone as load, but the assignment of ARRs is inconsistent with that fact. This inconsistency makes it impossible for load to match ARRs with the actual sources of congestion.

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able 13-55 ARR Allocation and Congestion from inside and outside zone: 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 planning periods[67]

	2024/2025 ARRs		2024/2025 Congestion		2025/2026 ARRs		2025/2026 Congestion		2026/2027 ARRs	
	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone	Out of Zone	In Zone
ACEC	55.1%	44.9%	98.1%	1.9%	44.1%	55.9%	98.3%	1.7%	49.7%	50.3%
AEP	9.4%	90.6%	86.2%	13.8%	13.9%	86.1%	96.1%	3.9%	13.2%	86.8%
APS	15.9%	84.1%	91.9%	8.1%	11.5%	88.5%	71.7%	28.0%	12.6%	87.4%
ATSI	35.1%	64.9%	96.7%	3.3%	41.5%	58.5%	98.6%	1.4%	43.7%	56.3%
BGE	39.9%	60.1%	87.7%	12.3%	49.4%	50.6%	93.9%	6.1%	42.4%	57.6%
COMED	0.1%	99.9%	77.6%	22.4%	0.0%	100.0%	88.9%	11.1%	0.2%	99.8%
DAY	92.6%	7.4%	100.0%	0.0%	79.9%	20.1%	100.0%	0.0%	86.8%	13.2%
DOM	2.0%	98.0%	65.7%	34.3%	0.5%	99.5%	74.7%	25.3%	0.4%	99.6%
DPL	26.0%	74.0%	46.2%	53.8%	28.7%	71.3%	80.6%	19.4%	25.3%	74.7%
DUKE	49.1%	50.9%	97.2%	2.8%	49.8%	50.2%	97.7%	2.3%	48.5%	51.5%
DUQ	97.0%	3.0%	97.4%	2.6%	91.2%	8.8%	99.8%	0.2%	98.2%	1.8%
EKPC	100.0%	0.0%	99.2%	0.8%	99.6%	0.4%	99.5%	0.5%	31.6%	68.4%
EXT	100.0%	0.0%	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%	0.0%	94.5%	5.5%	99.9%	0.1%
JCPL	58.9%	41.1%	96.5%	3.5%	72.2%	27.8%	100.0%	0.0%	45.8%	54.2%
MEC	38.7%	61.3%	55.9%	44.1%	30.2%	69.8%	98.7%	1.3%	39.5%	60.5%
OVEC	66.7%	33.3%	93.4%	6.6%	100.0%	0.0%	94.8%	5.2%	0.0%	100.0%
PE	24.6%	75.4%	76.0%	24.0%	26.5%	73.5%	90.9%	9.1%	31.6%	68.4%
PECO	6.9%	93.1%	90.6%	9.4%	2.3%	97.7%	98.2%	1.8%	18.0%	82.0%
PEPCO	46.9%	53.1%	99.5%	0.5%	24.1%	75.9%	99.6%	0.4%	19.6%	80.4%
PPL	5.8%	94.2%	89.7%	10.3%	1.0%	99.0%	93.1%	6.9%	2.2%	97.8%
PSEG	54.6%	45.4%	99.3%	0.7%	53.5%	46.5%	99.1%	0.9%	45.4%	54.6%
REC	100.0%	0.0%	79.6%	20.4%	100.0%	0.0%	99.5%	0.5%	100.0%	0.0%
Total	22.4%	77.6%	84.5%	15.5%	21.4%	78.6%	90.0%	10.0%	20.3%	79.7%

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Credit

There were four payment defaults and two collateral defaults in the first six months of 2026. Each of the payment defaults was promptly cured.

On December 21, 2021, PJM submitted a change to the credit rules to FERC.[68] PJM proposed to replace the credit calculation, which was largely based on a weighted average historical FTR value, with an initial margin based on a risk confidence interval from an Historical Simulation Initial Margining (HSIM) analysis model. PJM's proposal included the use of a 97 percent confidence interval, meaning a 97 percent probability that the initial margin collected would cover potential default costs.

On February 28, 2022, FERC rejected PJM's filing recommending a 97 percent confidence interval because the record did not support 97 percent.[69] FERC instituted a Section 206 proceeding, but recognized that PJM could propose revisions through a Section 205 filing. On June 3, 2022, PJM submitted the same change to the credit rules as the December 21, 2021, filing to FERC.[70] The June 3, 2022, filing included a cost benefit analysis for the proposed use of a 97 percent confidence interval compared to the use of a 99 percent confidence interval. The MMU objected to PJM's filing and proposed a 99 percent confidence interval, with a transition to a 100 percent confidence interval.[71] On September 21, 2023, FERC directed PJM to use a 99 percent confidence level in the HSIM model.[72]

The most fundamental point is that if costs are shifted from FTR buyers to other market participants, no logical cost-benefit analysis can show that the other market participants benefit in any way. Under the current default rules, the cost of default is socialized to all market participants, not just those participating in the FTR market. The 99 percent confidence interval places more of the risk where it belongs, on the FTR market participants that are engaged in the risky behavior, than the 97 percent confidence interval. The goal of internalizing as much of the risk to the FTR participants as possible, where it belongs, could be more directly addressed either by using 100 percent or by directly assigning the risk to those in the FTR market rather than all market participants.

The PJM minimum credit requirements (minimum tangible net worth and minimum tangible assets) were set as fixed dollar amounts in 2011 in FERC Order No. 741 based on whether the market participant held FTRs. PJM completed a review of the minimum credit requirements in the Risk Management Committee in 2025. The MMU and PJM developed a joint package to increase the fixed minimum credit requirements to be consistent with updated risks. The proposal was approved by the Risk Management Committee on October 22, 2025. The proposal was approved by the Markets and Reliability Committee on December 17, 2025. The proposal was approved by the Members Committee on January 22, 2026. The new minimum credit requirements will be implemented on the first December 31 after PJM receives FERC approval for the revised tariff.

Under the revised tariff, minimum tangible net worth requirements will increase from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 for FTR participants and from $500,000 to $1,000,000 for all other market participants. For five years, there will be a $200,000 annual increase in the minimum tangible net worth requirements for all other market participants. Beginning in the sixth year, there will be an annual 3 percent increase to the minimum credit requirements for all participants, rounded to the nearest $50,000. Participants will continue to be able to satisfy the minimum credit requirements with minimum tangible assets exceeding $10,000,000 for FTR participants or $5,000,000 for all other participants. Under the revised tariff, any participant who satisfies the minimum credit requirements through tangible assets must also have a positive tangible net worth.

Figure 13-20 shows the maximum tangible net worth requirements for FTR participants and all other participants for 2025 through 2035 under the revised tariff language, if the revised tariff language is approved by FERC in 2026. After 2035, minimum tangible will continue to increase 3 percent each year, rounded to the nearest $50,000.

68 *See* "Revisions to PJM's FTR Credit Requirement and Request for 28-Day Comment Period," Docket No. ER22-000 (December 21, 2021).
69 See 178 FERC ¶ 61,146.
70 See "Revisions to PJM's FTR Credit Requirement," Docket No. ER22-2029-000 (June 3, 2022).
71 See Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. ER22-2029-000 et al. (October 31, 2022).
72 See 184 FERC ¶ 61,168.

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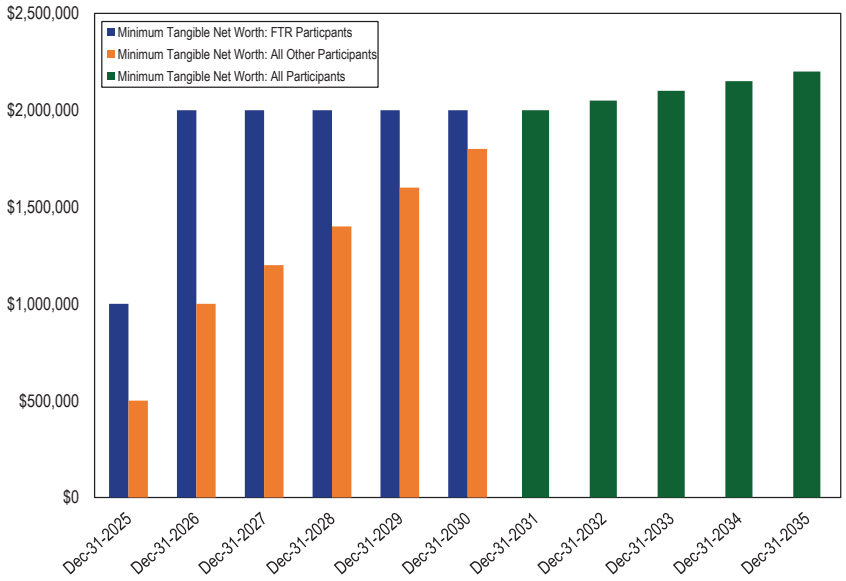
Figure 13--20 Minimum tangible asset requirement changes under the revised tariff language if approved in 2026: 2025 through 2035



Treatment of Defaulted Portfolios

Under the method applied to the GreenHat default, when an FTR participant defaults on their positions, their portfolio remains in the FTR market and continues to accrue revenues and/or charges and must be reconciled. Under this method, PJM leaves the participant's positions unchanged, lets the positions settle at day-ahead prices, and charges any net losses to the default allocation assessment. This method exposes all members in PJM to an uncertain charge for the default allocation assessment that will not be known until those FTRs settle.

The MMU recommends that the defaulted FTRs be canceled rather than holding or liquidating them.[73] Canceling the FTRs would release the FTRs to the FTR market. The market would then decide the value of the capacity released and the timing of its release. There would be no discretion necessary to settle the defaulted position and the losses would be contained within the ARR/FTR market.

Cancellation of a defaulting portfolio does not change congestion. Cancellation of a defaulting portfolio can affect ARR/FTR funding as a result of changes in auction revenue, changes in the net target allocations, and potential simultaneous feasibility violations, while any collateral collected from the defaulted participant is available to offset losses from the cancelled FTRs. However, PJM can and does address similar issues routinely. PJM has tools available, such as the counter flow buyback and Stage 1A over allocation rules, and uses them regularly in the Annual FTR Auction, to improve funding as well as address feasibility concerns. Cancellation of FTRs would isolate the costs of the default to those participating in and benefitting from the FTR market.

FTR Forfeitures

By order issued January 19, 2017, the Commission determined that the FTR forfeiture rule is just and reasonable and "...serves to deter such manipulation" related to virtual transaction cross product manipulation.[74] The Commission identified four main tenets with which the Forfeiture Rule must comply, including that it: deter manipulation, provide transparency allowing participants to modify their behavior, base forfeitures on an individual participant's actions and is not punitive.[75]

The point of the FTR forfeiture rule is to avoid an inefficient and costly market power mitigation process and to establish an objective rule that prevents manipulation of the FTR market. The FTR forfeiture rule is designed to remove the incentive to engage in manipulation. The rule does not result in findings of manipulation.[76]

The FTR forfeiture rule considers the impact of a participant's net virtual transaction portfolio on all constraints.[77] If a participant's net virtual portfolio

73 See Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. ER18-2068-000 (August 16, 2018).

74 See 158 FERC ¶ 61,038 at P 33 (2017).
75 See *id.* at P 62.
76 *See* "Protest and Motion for Rejection of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM," Docket No. EL20-41 (June 1, 2020).
77 A modified FTR forfeiture rule was implemented effective January 19, 2017. See *2019 Annual State of the Market Report for PJM*, Volume 2, Section 13: Financial Transmission Rights for the full history.

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impacts a constraint by the greater of 0.1 MW or 10 percent or more of the constraint line limit, and that constraint affects an individual FTR's target allocation by $0.01 or more, the participant's net virtual portfolio increased the value of the FTR, and the FTR is subject to FTR forfeiture. The FTR forfeiture also requires that congestion on the FTR path in the day ahead market be greater than congestion on that path in the real time market.

The FTR forfeiture rule does not require FTR holders to pay penalties. The FTR forfeiture rule does not affect the profits or losses of virtual activity. The FTR forfeiture rule, if triggered by a participant's virtual portfolio, results in forfeiting only FTR profits and only in the specific hours for which the rule is violated. The profit is calculated as the hourly FTR target allocation minus the FTR's hourly cost. Even when FTR profits are forfeited, the value that the buyer assigned to congestion in the FTR auction (the price paid) is not affected. For example, if a buyer paid $5.00/MWh for congestion and congestion was $5.00/MWh, the forfeiture would be zero. If congestion were $7.00/MWh, the forfeiture would be $2.00/MWh. Market participants understand the relationship between FTR and virtual positions in detail and can avoid violating the FTR forfeiture rule if they choose to do so.

The FTR forfeiture rule is less effective than initially intended as a result of the element of the rule requiring that day-ahead congestion on the FTR path be greater than real-time congestion the same path. As a result of model differences, there is a significant opportunity for virtual participants to profit from differences between day-ahead and real-time prices without driving the prices together, termed false arbitrage. As a result, FTR holders can use virtual positions to make their FTR positions more valuable without violating the rule.

The FTR forfeiture rule has not reduced participation in the PJM FTR market or participation in virtual activity. There has been an increase in the number of participants in the FTR market since the implementation of the new FTR forfeiture rule, and a decrease in the number of participants with forfeitures.

On June 24, 2019, PJM implemented a new method to calculate the hourly cost of an FTR only for hours in which it is effective.[78] Beginning with the September 2019 bill, PJM began billing using the correct hourly cost calculation. For the 2020/2021 planning period, total FTR forfeitures were $4.6 million.

On May 20, 2021, FERC issued an order ruling the $0.01 definition of an increase in the value of an FTR unjust and unreasonable, but upheld the other parts of PJM's forfeiture rule.[79] In this order, FERC required PJM to modify the FTR forfeiture rule and submit a compliance filing. As a result, there was no FTR forfeiture rule in place from May 21, 2021 until February 1, 2022. These months have zero forfeiture in Figure 13-21.

On June 21, 2021, PJM filed a request for clarification, or alternatively rehearing.[80] PJM asked that FERC clarify the status of the forfeitures that were assessed over the four years between the initial FERC order for a compliance filing, and their order rejecting PJM's compliance filing. On July 19, 2021, PJM made a compliance filing to address FERC's concerns with the $0.01 element of the FTR forfeiture rule.[81] PJM's compliance filing eliminated that element and replaced it with a constraint based FTR forfeiture. The forfeiture is based on the increased value of each constraint that violates the rule, determined by the shadow price multiplied by the net dfax on that constraint. This change meets FERC's previously established criteria established under the initial FERC order and creates a more precise FTR forfeiture value, to meet the criteria established under the new FERC order.

On January 31, 2022, FERC accepted PJM's July 19, 2021 compliance filing to implement FTR forfeitures using a constraint based method, effective February 1, 2022.[82]

78 *See* "Minor modification to Tariff Language for FTR Forfeiture Rule," Docket No. ER19-2240 (June 24, 2019).
79 See 175 FERC ¶ 61,137 (2021).
80 See Request for Clarification or, in the Alternative, Rehearing of PJM Interconnection, LLC, FERC Docket No. ER17-1433-000 (June 21, 2021).
81 *See* "FTR Forfeiture Rule Compliance Filing," FERC Docket No. ER17-1433 (July 19, 2021).
82 See 178 FERC ¶ 61,079, ***reh'g denied***, 179 FERC ¶ 61,010 (2022), ***affirmed***, XO Energy MA, LPC, et al. v. FERC, Case No. 22-1096 (D.C. Cir. January 24, 2023), ***affirmed en banc***, XO Energy MA, LPC, et al. v. FERC, Case No. 22-1096 (D.C. Cir. September 13, 2023).

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Figure 13-21 shows the monthly FTR forfeitures under the FTR forfeiture rules in effect from January 19, 2017, through May 31, 2026.

Figure 13-21 Monthly FTR forfeitures for physical and financial participants: January 2017 through May 2026[83]

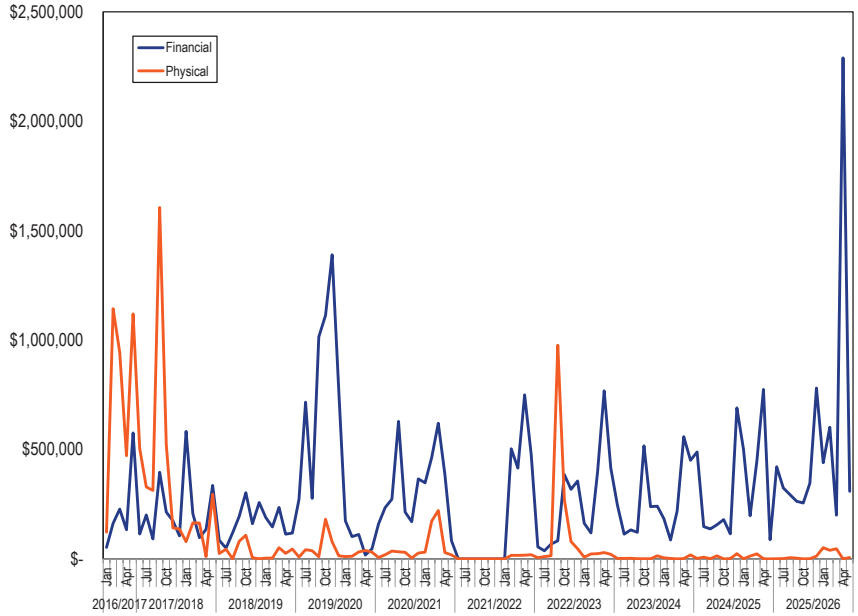

Table 13-56 shows the monthly FTR forfeitures by organization type for the 2024/2025 planning period and the 2025/2026 planning period. For the 2025/2026 planning period there were $6,687,074 in FTR forfeitures, up 67.2 percent from $4,000,330 in the 2024/2025 planning period. Financial participants accounted for 86.4 percent of all FTR forfeitures for the 2025/2026 planning period, down 11.5 percentage points from 97.9 percent in the 2024/2025 planning period.

Table 13-56 Monthly FTR forfeitures by organization type: June 2024 through May 2026[84]

	Organization Type		
Month	Physical	Financial	Total
Jun-24	$2,062.39	$488,478.10	$490,540.49
Jul-24	$7,263.55	$147,024.31	$154,287.86
Aug-24	$265.40	$136,407.60	$136,672.99
Sep-24	$13,609.35	$155,922.29	$169,531.63
Oct-24	$153.22	$179,545.06	$179,698.29
Nov-24	$1,159.23	$114,091.82	$115,251.06
Dec-24	$23,393.12	$689,808.14	$713,201.26
Jan-25	$538.39	$500,477.32	$501,015.71
Feb-25	$12,543.78	$197,063.07	$209,606.85
Mar-25	$22,717.56	$446,139.20	$468,856.76
Apr-25	$638.34	$773,771.75	$774,410.09
May-25	$17.41	$87,239.94	$87,257.35
	Summary for 2024/2025 Planning Period		
Total	$84,361.73	$3,915,968.60	$4,000,330.34
Jun-25	$615.50	$420,868.10	$421,483.61
Jul-25	$1,055.22	$324,455.09	$325,510.31
Aug-25	$5,596.14	$293,350.91	$298,947.05
Sep-25	$3,094.75	$263,182.16	$266,276.91
Oct-25	$0.00	$255,200.29	$255,200.29
Nov-25	$465.72	$344,978.68	$345,444.39
Dec-25	$12,240.88	$780,149.87	$792,390.75
Jan-26	$51,030.21	$439,411.04	$490,441.25
Feb-26	$39,391.25	$601,523.72	$640,914.97
Mar-26	$46,221.46	$199,886.87	$246,108.33
Apr-26	$19.76	$2,289,409.29	$2,289,429.05
May-26	$6,340.18	$308,587.29	$314,927.47
	Summary for 2025/2026 Planning Period		
Total	$166,071.06	$6,521,003.33	$6,687,074.38

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