

Standards Announcement

Project 2006-02 - Assess Transmission Future Needs and Develop Transmission Plans

Request for Data or Information: July 31, 2012 – August 30, 2012

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Request for Data or Information Under Section 1600 of NERC Rules of Procedure

A formal Request for Data or Information is being issued to allow NERC and the Assess Transmission Future Needs Standard Drafting Team (ATFNSTD) in providing a response to FERC Order No. 762. This data request was posted for stakeholder comment June 19, 2012 through July 9, 2012 and approved by the NERC Board of Trustees through an email ballot on July 26, 2012.

Registered Transmission Planners and Planning Coordinators are requested to respond to this request no later than **8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 30, 2012**. This Request for Data or Information is being conducted concurrently with a formal comment period for a revised footnote 12 in TPL-001-3a Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements and revised footnote 'b' in TPL-002-1b System Performance Following Loss of a Single Bulk Electric System Element (Category B) that is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 30, 2012.

Instructions for Submitting Data or Information

A formal data request to registered Transmission Planners and Planning Coordinators is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 30, 2012**. Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit data and information. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the data request is posted on the [project page](#).

If you have any questions about the project or the data request, please contact Ed Dobrowolski via email at ed.dobrowolski@nerc.net or by telephone at (609) 947-3673.

Next Steps

The timing of the formal request for data or information will allow for the data and information to be evaluated by the drafting team in the same timeframe as the responses to comment period for TPL-001-3 and TPL-002-1 that is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 30, 2012.

Background

The purpose of this data request is to solicit data and information from each registered Transmission Planner and Planning Coordinator in the United States and Canada^[1] in order to provide information identifying the specific instances of any planned interruptions of Firm Demand under footnote b and how frequently the provision has been used. NERC is issuing this data request in accordance with FERC's directive in [Order No. 762](#)^[2] *Transmission Planning Reliability Standards* which directed NERC to identify specific instances of any planned interruptions of Firm Demand under footnote b and gather this data under Section 1600 of its Rules of Procedure.

Due to the need for the data request to align with the tight schedule to be followed for revisions to TPL-002-0b Table 1 footnote b, the NERC Board of Trustees approved a request from NERC staff to shorten the time period to seek comments on this proposed data request to twenty-one (21) days. Accordingly, NERC posted this proposed data request in accordance with the requirements of Section 1606 of the NERC Rules of Procedure for public comment. The twenty-one (21) day comment period was held June 19 through July 9, 2012. The NERC Board of Trustees approved this data request by an email ballot on July 26, 2012.

Additional information can be found on the [project page](#).

Standards Development Process

The [Standards Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

*For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson,
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[1] In the United States responding to this data request is mandatory. NERC strongly encourages Canadian entities to respond to this data request to ensure the completeness of the data collected.

[2] *Transmission Planning Reliability Standards*, 139 FERC ¶ 61,060 (April 2012) ("Order No. 762").