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TO: TRANSMISSION OWNERS IN NERC'S COMPLIANCE REGISTRY

On October 23, 2007, the NERC Board of Trustees approved the collection of the Phase I Transmission Availability Data System (TADS) data beginning in calendar year 2008. TADS will collect transmission outage data in a common format for:

1. AC circuits  $\geq 200$  kV (overhead and underground)
2. Transformers with  $\geq 200$  kV low-side
3. AC/DC back-to-back converters with  $\geq 200$  kV AC on both sides
4. DC circuits with  $\geq \pm 200$  kV DC voltage

Several TADS documents are posted at <http://www.nerc.com/~filez/tadstf.html> that explain TADS and the process that will be utilized for data collection. The following documents will be of interest:

- \* Transmission Availability Data System Revised Final Report dated September 26, 2007;
- \* TADS Data Reporting Instruction Manual dated October 17, 2007; and
- \* An Excel workbook (2008 TADS Data Forms) dated November 2, 2007. This is an updated workbook that corrects omissions in drop-down menus on Forms 4.1 and 4.2. No other forms were impacted.

The data collection process will be handled through the eight Regional Entities, so you can expect to be contacted by your region in the next week or so regarding TADS. For U.S. Transmission Owners, providing TADS data in 2008 will be mandatory; however, NERC, through the regions, will also be requesting 2008 TADS data from non-U.S. Transmission Owners.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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