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**TO: NERC TRANSMISSION OWNERS  
NERC INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS**

**RE: Transmission Availability Data System (TADS) – 2009 and Updated 2008 Annual Reports**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Transmission Availability Data System Working Group (TADSWG) of the NERC Planning Committee (PC) has posted its TADS 2009 and Updated 2008 Automatic Outage Metrics and Data Reports which may be downloaded at [TADSWG](#). The 2009 NERC and eight Regional Entity reports have a table of contents and format similar to the previously released 2008 NERC and Regional Entity reports.

The publication of updated 2008 reports was necessitated by the following analysis. Subsequent to the publication of the 2008 reports on June 30, 2009 and during preparation of calendar year 2009 data, a number of errors were found by several Transmission Owners relating to both 2008 inventory and outage data. Since 2008 was the first year of reporting data, the TADSWG carefully evaluated the impact of the changes on the reported metrics and identified improvements to the data collection process. The errors were of sufficient magnitude to warrant a one-time republishing of the 2008 calculated results in these updated 2008 reports. The TADSWG has since implemented several improvements to the data collection and validation process. This will be the only update to the 2008 reports. All numerical metric and summary tables (including diagrams where appropriate) have been updated. There are no other substantive changes to the text.

The above reports are the result of a coordinated effort involving over 190 reporting transmission owners, TADS Regional Entity coordinators, NERC staff, Open Access Technologies International (the webTADS database vendor) and the TADS Working Group itself. We gratefully acknowledge their hard work and support.

Questions and comments should be sent to [tadscomments@nerc.net](mailto:tadscomments@nerc.net).

Sincerely,



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