

# Completing the Section 1600 Confirmation: No Geomagnetic Disturbance Equipment or Event Data

Instructions for Transmission Owners and Generator Owners without GMD Equipment or Event Data  
October 2020

## Introduction

In accordance with FERC Order No. 830, NERC is required to collect geomagnetic disturbance (GMD) device inventory and event data from registered entities with a Transmission Owner (TO) or Generator Owner (GO) function. All TOs and GOs are required to provide NERC with information about whether they meet the reporting criteria for the Section 1600 Data Request for Geomagnetic Disturbance Reporting.

The [GMD Data Reporting Instructions](#) provide details on the reporting requirements, including the historical events for which GMD data is required to be reported. TOs and GOs who do not have installed GMD monitoring devices and do not collect GMD event data are required to provide an annual reporting confirmation.

## Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation

The Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation page lists the Section 1600 reporting obligations based on the entity's scopes. An entity scope is defined as the combination of function, region, effective date of registration, regulatory jurisdiction, and inactive date (if applicable). The Entity Administrator of the registered entity is required to annually confirm whether it meets the criteria for each Section 1600 application listed.

## Annual Confirmation

Each registered entity will be required to complete the Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation by January 15 each year. Entity Administrators of the registered entity will receive a notice in early December to complete the Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation for the next year. If the Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation is not completed by January 15, the Entity Administrators of the registered entity will receive another notice.

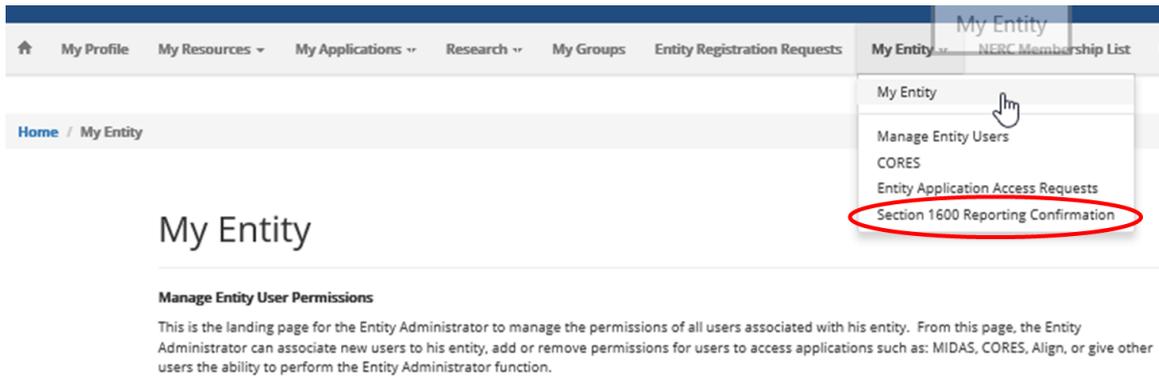
With the start of GMD reporting on October 1, 2020, Entity Administrators are asked to complete the 2020 Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation by November 15, 2020.

### **Changes to Entity Scopes after Annual Confirmation**

If a change to an entity’s scope results in new Section 1600 requirements, the Entity Administrator will be required to update the Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation for the current year, using the same process described in this document.

### **Steps to Complete the Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation**

1. The Entity Administrator logs into NERC’s ERO Portal: <https://eroportal.nerc.net>
2. The Entity Administrator navigates to the My Entity menu and Selects “Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation.”



3. The Entity Administrator reviews the reporting criteria and selects whether the registered entity meets the reporting criteria for each application and region shown for the Reporting Year displayed in the upper left corner of the list.

#### Annual Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation

One or more functions (scopes) assigned to this entity apply to data reporting requirements in accordance with Section 1600 of NERC's Rules of Procedure. For each reporting requirement listed below, indicate whether the entity meets the reporting criteria. For clarification of reporting requirements, please contact your regional entity.

**⚠ You have not confirmed your section 1600 reporting for the current year. Please complete the form below.**

Reporting Applications

**Reporting Year**

#### Geomagnetic Disturbance (GMD)

Transmission Owners and Generator Owners that own GIC or Magnetometer devices and have GIC data or magnetometer data for any period on or after May 1, 2013.

Reporting Obligations

Start Date	End Date	Region	Meets Criteria
12/26/2017		WECC	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

#### Misoperations Information Data Analysis System (MIDAS)

Transmission Owners, Generator Owners or Distribution Providers.

Reporting Obligations

Start Date	End Date	Region	Meets Criteria
10/24/2019		RF	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
12/26/2017		WECC	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

4. The Entity Administrator clicks Submit to complete the Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation for the year specified.
5. Upon completion, the screen will display an updated message and the selections that were made.

### Annual Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation

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● Your section 1600 reporting obligations have been confirmed for the reporting year.

Reporting Applications

Reporting Year 2020

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Reporting Obligations

Start Date	End Date	Region	Meets Criteria
12/26/2017		WECC	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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Start Date	End Date	Region	Meets Criteria
10/24/2019		RF	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
12/26/2017		WECC	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Submit

6. If the registered entity completes the Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation to indicate that it does not meet the reporting criteria defined in the GMD Data Reporting Instructions, reporting is complete for GMD until the next year.
7. The Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation for the next year will be available on December 1 each year (i.e. The Entity Administrator will have the ability to fill out the 2021 Section 1600 Reporting Confirmation beginning December 1, 2020).

## GMD Reporting Resources

Questions: [gmd@nerc.net](mailto:gmd@nerc.net)

[GMD Section 1600 Data Request](#)

[GMD Page](#) on NERC.com

- Data Reporting Instructions
- Training materials
- Templates
- Historical Event list

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