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RELIABILITY CORPORATION

Public Notice - NERC Compliance Process #2008 – 001 Vegetation-related Transmission Outage Reporting

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Notice to all Transmission Owners

Due to the potential severity of transmission outages caused by vegetation associated with Standard FAC-003-1, NERC is encouraging each Transmission Owner to self-report **all** Category 1 and Category 2 transmission outages related to vegetation to the Regional Entity within 48 hours utilizing the 48-hour vegetation reporting notice form provided by your appropriate Regional Entity. These forms can be found on the appropriate Regional Entity website and you should contact your Regional Entity if you have questions regarding the submission of this information.

Following this practice will help inform, in a timely manner, the Regional Entity and NERC of the actual and possible reliability impacts that such vegetation-related transmission outages may pose to the bulk power system and the actions taken or to be taken by the Transmission Owner in minimizing any further risk to the system.

Self-reporting is a necessary element of an effective internal company compliance program and is expected as highlighted by NERC in its [Sanctions Guidelines](#)¹ and by FERC in their [Policy Statement on Enforcement](#).² As identified in these documents, voluntary compliance with prompt self-reporting of any violation of a FERC-approved NERC Reliability Standard, including those associated with a Category 1 or Category 2 outage, could be considered a mitigating factor in a potential enforcement action.

All Category 3 vegetation-related transmission outages, and any Category 1 or Category 2 transmission outages not previously reported to the Regional Entity on a 48-hour form, are to continue to be reported on the quarterly vegetation outage reporting form provided by the Regional Entity.

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¹ http://www.nerc.com/files/Appendix4B_Sanctions_Guidelines_Effective_20080115.pdf

² <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2008/051508/M-1.pdf>