

Announcement

Order No. 754 Request for Data or Information

Six-Month Reporting Period: January 28, 2013 - March 4, 2013

Now Available

Transmission Planner,

You are receiving this notification as the primary contact provided during the acknowledgement period last September 2012. According to the data request, each Transmission Planner in the United States must provide NERC a status of the percent complete at the six-month milestone. Canadian Transmission Planners who previously acknowledged the data request are asked to also provide a status report.

Click here: For a list of the TP's primary Order No. 754 contacts

Instructions for Reporting

The six-month reporting period for the Order No. 754 – Data Request is open through **Monday, March 4, 2013**. Please use this <u>electronic form</u> to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at <u>monica.benson@nerc.net</u>.

Next Steps

Entities submitting data in response to the data request will have an opportunity to register and begin submitting data once the data submittal portal is available for use. When available, NERC will announce an educational webinar to demonstrate the data entry process. Entities supporting the Order No. 754 Data Request are encouraged to periodically check the project page for updates.

Click here: Order 754 Project Page

Also, there is an update (December 20, 2012) concerning the application of Table C which is found in the Request for Clarification document on the NERC Order 754 project page. In the document, refer to the information found in Table C, Q1 and Table C, A1 for details. The following link is provided for convenience.

Click here: Order 754 Request for Clarification



Background

The NERC Board of Trustees approved the Order No. 754 Request for Data or Information on August 16, 2012. The data request became effective September 1, 2012 and is applicable to each Transmission Planner within the United States. While it is not mandatory for registered entities in Canada to respond, Canadian entities are strongly encouraged to submit data so that decisions regarding the concern stated in Order No. 754 can be based on complete data across North America. Each Generator Owner, Distribution Provider, and Transmission Owner is required to support its TP in completing the steps necessary to obtain the data for reporting.

Order 754 is the Final Rule approving the interpretation of Interpretation TPL-002-0a PacifiCorp (Project 2009-14) regarding requirement R1.3.10. In addition to the approval, the Commission expressed a concern about single point of failure of protection systems and issued a directive for further investigation. From the Order, "...the Commission believes that there is an issue concerning the study of the non-operation of non-redundant primary protection systems; e.g., the study of a single point of failure on protection systems" (P19). In the first part of the directive (P20), the Commission directed FERC staff to meet with NERC and its appropriate subject matter experts to explore this reliability concern, including where it can best be addressed, and identify any additional actions necessary to address the matter. This portion of the directive was satisfied by the October 24-25, 2011 Technical Conference. In the second part (P20), NERC must complete an informational filing within six months of the Order (middle March 2012) explaining whether there is a further system protection issue that needs to be addressed and, if so, what forum and process should be used to address that issue and what priority it should be accorded relative to other reliability initiatives planned by NERC.

For more information or assistance, please contact <u>DataRequest754@nerc.net</u>, (via email) or <u>Wendy Muller</u> (via email) or at (404) 446-9735.

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