



General Transmission System Data Sharing Protocol

BUSINESS PRACTICE

This Business Practice identifies the communications protocol that ATC will use when sharing system operating and real time data outside ATC and within the guidelines of the FERC Standards of Conduct.

SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

Information concerning specific operating events, system topology, and real time data on the ATC system is available only to those employees of interconnected parties that have signed a Confidential Data Access Agreement (CDAA), that have been identified by ATC as employees to receive non-public information, and who have been determined by ATC to need the information for the reliable operation of the electric system including distribution system operators, generating unit operators and generators. Incident and operating information provided to these individuals is intended for their use as governed by the CDAA, and they accept the responsibility to appropriately limit circulation of the information. If the recipient requires further distribution, written permission is required from American Transmission Company LLC before further distribution may be made.

Appropriate entities are considered as those distribution operators and generator operators who work directly with ATC Operations to coordinate system reliability, security and operations. ATC will follow all federal statutes, regulations and policies that protect the information. All entities must comply with the standards set forth by FERC, Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard, and other governmental agencies, as to the distribution and disclosure of "non-public" information.

ATC will not provide copies of documents used by ATC to report on system incidents, data links to real time system information, system topology, or other operating events/data to any employee at a non-exempt ATC Affiliate who performs a merchant function, works within a merchant function, or would pass those documents or information to a merchant function. ATC will, at its discretion, consider a request for transmission system reliability and availability information. Any request must be made in writing, contain an itemized reference to the specific data being requested and provide a statement of justification demonstrating appropriate need and the relationship of the need to either distribution need or balancing authority.

If an end-use/retail customer of an interconnected party expresses an interest in receiving information regarding specific operating events, system topology, or real time data, the ATC Regional Manager representing that interconnected entity will be available to discuss the information with that end-use/retail customer.

Any information that is shared external to ATC must be recipient specific. Final distribution and content will be subject to ATC Legal, Compliance Officer and Executive Management review.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

ATC will continually strive to work with its customers to expedite:

- (1) Communication of incident reports and investigation supporting claims communication within the limits of the FERC Standards of Conduct, and
- (2) Disseminate information regarding changes in the FERC Standards of Conduct that directly affect ATC customers

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