

September 24, 2024

Subject: Collaborative Study on Interregional Power Transfer - Seeking Your Input

Dear Registered Entity,

Following our initial [outreach letter on February 9, 2024](#). We're reaching out again to request your input on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) Interregional Transfer Capability Study (ITCS). This study was Congressionally mandated by the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, and the report must be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by December 2, 2024.

The ITCS focuses on three primary goals:

1. Evaluating the current power transfer capability between each pair of neighboring transmission planning regions.
2. Recommending prudent additions to the total transfer capability to help maintain reliability in the future.
3. Proposing recommendations to meet and maintain the current total transfer capability and total transfer capability enhanced by the prudent addition recommendations.

The ITCS is being released in three draft parts and posted on NERC's ITCS initiative webpage:

- ITCS Overview of Study Need and Approach (published June 2024)
- ITCS Part 1 Transfer Capability Analysis (published August 2024)
- ITCS Parts 2 and 3 Prudent Addition Recommendations (to be published November 2024)

The Advisory Group materials posted on the webpage also provide presentations on study design and assumptions, such as considerations and criteria when evaluating potential prudent additions to total transfer capability.

Since the initial February letter, the project team has made considerable progress as reflected on NERC's ITCS webpage with the draft reports and other posted materials. Since then, the team has gathered data, performed analysis, reviewed results with planning entities, and published two of the three reports on our [ITCS webpage](#). The team also updated the Parts 1¹ and 2² scope documents, also posted on our ITCS initiative webpage.

¹ https://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/Documents/ITCS_Transfer_Study_Scope_Part_1_Final.pdf

² https://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/Documents/ITCS_SAMA_Study_Scope_Part_2.pdf

Your input is highly valued and we encourage you to review the aforementioned published reports and scope documents and provide your input directly to NERC via email at itcs@nerc.net as well as through your region's respective Regional Entities:

- Midwest Reliability Organization: reliabilityanalysis@mro.net
- Northeast Power Coordinating Council: support@npcc.org
- ReliabilityFirst: ITCSSupport@rfirst.org
- SERC Reliability Corporation: support@serc1.org
- Texas Reliability Entity: information@texasre.org
- WECC: engage@wecc.org

The ITCS is a collaborative effort and the team has been providing regular updates to the [ITCS Advisory Group](#), which is comprised of industry leaders and experts from both public and private organizations across the U.S. and Canada. Their valuable feedback and guidance have been instrumental in our progress, and we look forward to your contributions as well.

Currently, we are in the process of finalizing our prudent addition recommendations and drafting the ITCS Parts 2 and 3 report. The next steps include the publication of Parts 2 and 3 report, and a final compilation of all parts of the report into a final consolidated report to be filed with FERC on or before Dec 2, 2024.

We look forward to your input. Your insights will be invaluable in ensuring the reliability and resiliency of our electric power transfer capabilities.

Once we publish the Parts 2 and 3 report, we will contact you again to seek your input.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

Regards,



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