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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to clarify that FRCC Planning staff will not disclose FRCC Transmission Information to entities who are not FRCC members, unless the disclosure is covered by one of the limited permitted disclosures as outlined in the procedure. Further, this procedure describes the limited conditions by which non-member stakeholders may obtain FRCC Transmission Information from the FRCC.

2.0 Terms and Definitions

2.1 FRCC Transmission Information

Power flow cases, short-circuit cases, dynamic databases, FRCC transmission maps that are compiled by FRCC Planning Staff in coordination with its FRCC Members. FRCC Transmission Information also includes reports and files that are derived from power flow cases, short-circuit cases, dynamic databases, and FRCC transmission maps and are not designated as “Public” according *FRCC Member Services Document Control Policy and Procedure, FRCC-MS-ISD-014*.

2.2 FRCC Member

An entity that is a “Member” of FRCC per FRCC Bylaws.

3.0 Background

The FRCC Bylaws¹ prohibit FRCC staff from disclosing confidential information that FRCC Members submit to the FRCC without the permission of the submitting FRCC Member. However, there are also various NERC Reliability Standards and Open Access Transmission Tariff functions that effectively necessitate FRCC staff to share FRCC Transmission Information with certain stakeholders. This document was developed to clearly address inquiries from entities that are not FRCC Members and need to obtain FRCC Transmission Information for authorized needs.

FRCC Transmission Information, as defined above, may be viewed as confidential under the FRCC Bylaws. FRCC staff will generally not disclose it to third parties without permission of the FRCC Members. Through review and acceptance of this procedure, FRCC Members acknowledge that FRCC staff has permission to disclose FRCC Transmission Information to third parties if disclosed as outlined in this procedure.

4.0 Applicability

- 4.1 FRCC Planning Staff. That is, staff who report to the FRCC Director of Planning.
- 4.2 Entities that are not FRCC Members of FRCC
- 4.3 Not applicable: This procedure does not apply to FRCC Members of FRCC or consultants working

¹ § 11.5

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with information on behalf of a FRCC Member. By virtue of their membership, FRCC Members (including agents, officers, and employees) can receive access to FRCC Transmission Information through website or file-sharing site logins separate from this procedure. This procedure also does not apply to information shared internally between FRCC staff or between FRCC and its consultants.

5.0 Responsibilities

5.1 FRCC Director of Planning

The Director of Planning is responsible for serving as the primary point of contact for this procedure and all information requests related to FRCC Transmission Information.

5.2 Document Review Authority (DR)

The Director of Planning and Planning Staff are responsible for reviewing this document and presenting it to the FRCC Planning Committee for Planning Committee review and approval.

5.3 Document Owner (DO)/Approval Authority

The FRCC Planning Committee has ultimate authority to approve this document or any revisions to this document.

6.0 Procedure

6.1 General Rule: No Disclosures to Non-Members

Unless compelled by law or court order, FRCC Planning Staff will not disclose FRCC Transmission Information to persons or entities that are not FRCC Members or that are not covered under section 6.2 below. This does not preclude entities requesting FRCC Transmission Information directly from FRCC Members, nor does it preclude FRCC Members from addressing any such requests according to their own policies and relevant FRCC Bylaw confidentiality provisions.

FRCC Planning Staff shall promptly inform the FRCC Planning Committee of any potentially necessary FRCC Transmission Information disclosures that may conflict with this policy. The Planning Committee may determine whether to grant case-specific exceptions to this policy or direct revisions to this policy.

6.2 Permitted Disclosures

FRCC Members and the FRCC Planning Committee have permitted certain disclosures of FRCC Transmission Information to third parties in furtherance of reliability and regulatory objectives. A third party may be eligible to receive certain FRCC Transmission Information pursuant to its role in the FRCC or SERTP Regional Transmission Planning Process, development of interconnection-wide cases, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Form No. 715 filings, Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form-411 filings, Florida-Southern coordination, or regulatory oversight.

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6.2.1 Regional Transmission Planning Process Data Sharing

FRCC Members have permitted FRCC Planning Staff to exchange power flow models and associated data used in the FRCC Regional Transmission Planning Process (“RTPP”) with transmission providers enrolled in the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning process region (“SERTP”).² FRCC Planning Staff will regularly post applicable FRCC Transmission Information on the FRCC website or other secure area. SERTP participants desiring to access this information may be required to execute the SERTP-FRCC CEII non-disclosure agreement or other appropriate non-disclosure agreement. SERTP participant may use the contact information in Section 6.3 to make such a request. FERC staff and Florida Public Service Commission staff may also obtain access to secure website areas containing FRCC Transmission Information related to the FRCC Regional Transmission Planning Process.³ FERC staff and Florida Public Service Commission staff may use the contact information in Section 6.3 to make such a request.

Upon the approval of the FRCC Director of Planning, FRCC Planning Staff may also grant access to FRCC Transmission Information related to non-member sponsors of Cost Efficient or Effective Regional Transmission Solutions (“CEERTS”) Projects, as defined in the FRCC Regional Transmission Planning Process.⁴ A non-member CEERTS sponsor may be required to execute a specifically-tailored non-disclosure agreement for this information, and the sponsor may use the contact information in Section 6.3 to make such a request.

6.2.2 Development of Interconnection-wide cases (NERC Reliability Standard MOD-032-1)

Under NERC Reliability Standard MOD-032-1 Requirement R4, the FRCC Planning Committee will make FRCC power flow, short-circuit, and dynamics models available to the Electric Reliability Organization (NERC) staff or its designees to support creation of interconnection-wide cases.⁵ As part of this task, FRCC Planning Staff will make FRCC power flow and dynamics models available to the Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group and Multiregional Modeling Working Group to develop a library of power flow models and dynamics simulation models of the Eastern Interconnection. FRCC Planning Staff will not disclose this information to other third parties, but other third parties may be eligible to obtain models of the Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group according to its Model Release Procedure.⁶

6.2.3 FERC Form 715 Filings

As part of FRCC Members’ FERC Form 715 filings (Part 2), FRCC Planning Staff provides FRCC power flow models to FERC. FRCC Planning Staff will not disclose FERC Form 715 filing data, including power flow models, to third parties, though third parties may be eligible to obtain this information from FERC through FERC’s CEII information request guidelines.⁷

² § 8.2 of *FRCC Regional Transmission Planning Process. FRCC-MS-PL-018.*

³ *Id.* at § 6.1 (“Upon approval by the Board, which is expected in February of each year, the FRCC sends notice to the FPSC that the final regional transmission plan documents are available for their use and review upon request”)

⁴ *Id.* at § 7.2.2, Step 1 (“The Project Sponsor, if not an FRCC member, may obtain this model upon request from the FRCC”)

⁵ § 6.8 of *FRCC Dynamics Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis, FRCC Short-Circuit Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis, and FRCC Steady-State Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis.*

⁶<https://rfirst.org/ProgramAreas/RAPA/ERAG/MMWG/ERAG%20%20MMWG%20Library/MMWG%20Procedural%20Manual%20V21.pdf>

⁷ 18 C.F.R. §388.113

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6.2.4 EIA Form-411 Filings

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) annually collects certain data from the NERC Regional Entities as part of its Form EIA-411, “Coordinated Bulk Power Supply and Demand Program Report.” As part of this filing, FRCC Planning Staff must provide a subset of information contained on the most recent FRCC Transmission Map to the EIA through SERC.⁸ FRCC Planning Staff will submit only the components of the FRCC Transmission Map required by EIA. (The EIA will not disclose the FRCC Transmission Map to the public to the extent that it satisfies criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act.)

6.2.5 Florida – Southern Coordination

To adequately perform transfer capability assessments and support other planning studies, FRCC Planning Staff will disclose FRCC Transmission Information to staff of Southern Company and affiliates similar to FRCC Members because Southern Company Services, Inc. is registered as both a NERC neighboring Planning Coordinator and Reliability Coordinator. As registered entities, such information sharing is required under various NERC Reliability Standards.

6.2.6 Regulatory Oversight

Because FRCC is registered as Planning Coordinator and Reliability Coordinator, FRCC Planning Staff may be required to submit FRCC Transmission Information to FERC, NERC, SERC, or other entities in accordance with applicable regulatory oversight procedures. To request FRCC Transmission Information, regulatory entities must have identified the procedure under which the request is being made. FRCC Planning Staff shall obtain approval from the Planning Committee to the extent practical prior to disclosing FRCC Transmission Information to regulatory entities. All FRCC transmission information submitted to these entities shall be identified as confidential information to prevent further disclosure to the extent practical.

6.3 Contact for Transmission Information Requests

Requests for FRCC Transmission Information or other questions related this policy or other FRCC Transmission Information needs should be directed to the following:

FRCC Planning Department
 Attn: Director of Planning
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7.0 Document Distribution

This procedure is public and may be posted to the FRCC webpage.

⁸ FORM EIA-411 Instructions, Schedule 5. https://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_411/instructions.pdf.

8.0 References

- 8.1 *Bylaws*. Florida Reliability Coordinating Council, Inc.
- 8.2 *Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII)*. 18 C.F.R. §388.113 (2017).
- 8.3 *FERC Form No. 715*. 18 C.F.R. §141.300 (2017).
- 8.4 *FORM EIA-411 Instructions*, https://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_411/instructions.pdf.
- 8.5 *FRCC Member Services Document Control Policy and Procedure, FRCC-MS-ISD-014*
- 8.6 *FRCC Dynamics Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis. FRCC-MS-PL-046.*
- 8.7 *FRCC Regional Transmission Planning Process. FRCC-MS-PL-018.*
- 8.8 *FRCC Short-Circuit Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis. FRCC-MS-PL-110.*
- 8.9 *FRCC Steady-State Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis. FRCC-MS-PL-109.*
- 8.10 *Model Release Procedure*. Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group.
- 8.11 *Standards of Conduct*. 18 C.F.R. §358 (2017).

9.0 Review and Modification History

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12/9/2014	1	New Procedure	All
10/02/2018	2	Put existing procedure into FRCC template, extensive revisions throughout.	All
8/6/2019	3	Changes to eliminate references to FRCC Regional Entity functions	2.2, 6.2

10.0 Disclaimer

The information, analysis, requirements and/or procedures described herein are not intended to be fully inclusive of all activities that may support compliance to a specific NERC Reliability Standard referenced or implied within the document. Nevertheless, it is the FRCC entities' and other users' responsibility to ensure the most recent version of this document is being used in conjunction with other applicable procedures, including, but not limited to, the applicable NERC Reliability Standards as they may be revised from time to time.

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