

FERC Order No. 787: Communication of Operational Information between Natural Gas Pipelines and Electric Transmission Operators

Effective December 23, 2013, the FERC issued Order No. 787. The order explicitly authorizes interstate natural gas pipelines and public utilities that own, operate or control interstate electric transmission facilities to voluntarily share non-public, operational information with each other when such information is for the purpose of promoting reliable service or operational planning.

The procedures for requesting non-public information from Transco are as follows:

1. During regular business hours, contact either your Transportation Services representative, Customer Services representative, or Pipeline Control Manager. Representatives outside of normal business hours can be reached by contacting the scheduling desk at 888-210-8475 or Pipeline Control at 713-215-2550.
2. Parties must sign a [Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Agreement \(NDA\)](#) prior to receiving non-public information.
 - a. Each party must identify a designated contact at the time the NDA is executed. Transco will attempt to contact the designated contact in the event a third-party requests non-public information that is proprietary to the party signing the NDA.
 - b. Non-Disclosure agreements will terminate after 4 years from effective date unless otherwise stated in the agreement.
3. When disclosing non-public information, Transco will attempt to include other relevant stakeholders in the disclosure process.

If such stakeholders are not available on a timely basis, Transco will summarize the request and the response in an email to the stakeholders as soon as practicable.