

Welcome to the Electric Quarterly Report Users Group Meeting

Office of Enforcement June 5, 2018

Agenda Overview

- Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics
- Updates Since Last Meeting
- Common EQR Audit Findings
- EQR Data Access
- EQR Data Uses
- Data Interpretation
- Open Discussion



EQR Audit Discussion

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Agenda Topics

- EQR Audit History
- Planning and Audit Process
- Audit Objectives and Testing
- EQR, Common Audit Findings Transaction Data
- EQR, Common Audit Findings Contract Data
- Audit Resources

EQR Audit History

- EQR audits began in 2005 and still occur today
- •EQR as single scope (early years) and multi scope (later years)
- Approximately 45 completed audits with EQR scope area

Planning and Audit Process

- Division of Audits and Accounting
- Audit Selection Process
- Phases of the Audit Process
 - Planning staff develops objectives and testing steps around audit risks
 - Fieldwork staff conducts compliance testing and evaluation
 - Reporting staff writes compliance findings and recommendations
 - Implementation company implements corrective actions for each recommendation
- Public and Nonpublic Documents
 - Public commencement letters and final audit reports (with company comments)
 - Non-public data requests/responses, site visits, internal reports, working papers, draft audit reports, company's compliance plans and quarterly submissions.

Audit Objectives and Testing

- Overall objective ensure company filed complete and accurate transactional and contract data
- Use sample testing to identify reporting weaknesses that result in noncompliance
- Determine whether noncompliance was an anomaly or systemic in nature
- Typical steps and testing performed in an EQR audits:
 - Analyze publicly available EQR data filed with the Commission
 - Consult with OE-DEMO on EQR reporting history of audited company
 - Review company's operations to understand types of transactions and contracts

Audit Objectives and Testing

- Typical steps and testing performed in a multi scope EQR audit:
 - Review IT systems used to collect, prepare, and report EQR data
 - Review corporate compliance programs oversight of EQR compliance, including internal/external audits
 - Review company's EQR policies, procedures and controls
 - Interview employees responsible for trading, contracting, and reporting
 - Compare EQR data to other data sources (FERC Form 1, contract tracking system) for consistency and completeness

EQR Common Findings Contract Data

- Failure to report all jurisdictional contracts / service agreements
- Failure to remove expired contracts and incorrect contract termination dates (Field No. 23)
- Misreported contract units (Field No. 33)
- Misreported or incorrect identification of company affiliates (Field No. 18)

EQR Common Findings Transaction Data

- Failure to report jurisdictional transactions
- Inclusion of aggregated transaction data
- Incorrect product type codes and other data
- Misreported transaction units

Audit Resources

- Commission's E-library for audit reports (PA or FA Dockets)
- Annual Enforcement Report for focus areas and key issues
- FERC website (https://www.ferc.gov/enforcement/audits.asp) for information on DAA's audit process and audit outcomes
- Contact Steve Hunt, Acting Director & Chief Accountant



EQR Data Access

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Data Access Methods

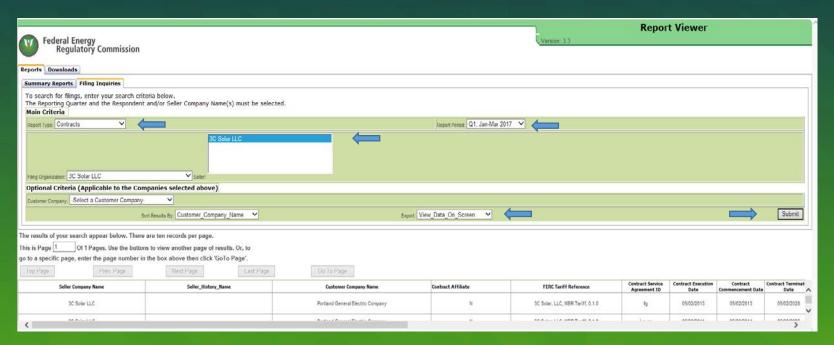
- EQR Report Viewer (https://eqrreportviewer.ferc.gov/)
 - Reports
 - Summary Reports
 - Filing Inquiries
 - Downloads
 - Selective Download: Selected Companies and Quarters
 - Bulk Download: All Companies by Quarter

Data Access Methods: Reports

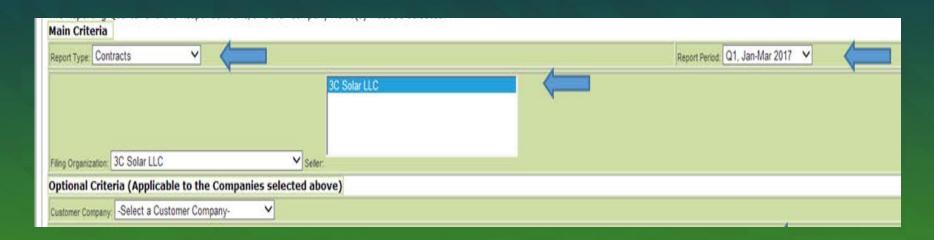
- Summary Reports
 - Product, Customer, Region
- Filing Inquiries
 - Graphical User Interface data retrieval
 - Contracts, Transactions allow for deeper customized analysis

Data Access Methods: Reports – Filing Inquiries

Filing Inquiries Example of Contracts Report Type



Data Access Methods: Reports – Filing Inquiries



- Report Type = Contracts
- Seller field populates if contracts exist
- Select Customer Company if interested in a particular one

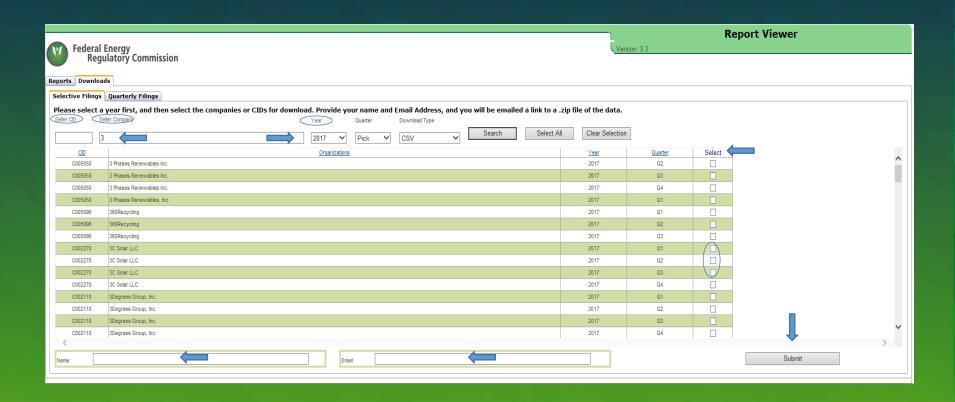
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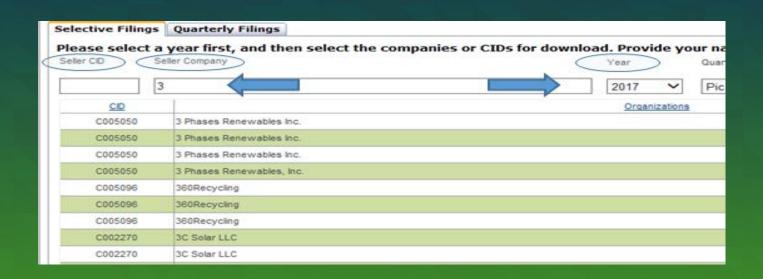


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Data Access Methods: Downloads

- Selective Downloads
 - By Company, Quarter
- Bulk Downloads
 - All Companies by Quarter

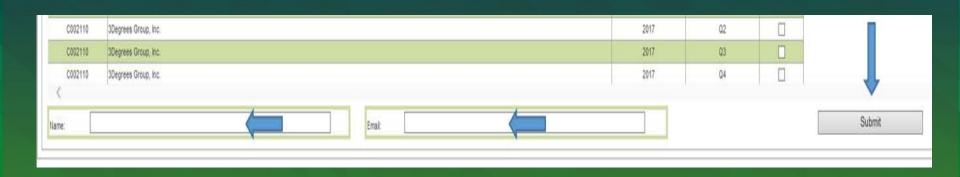




- Select a CID or Company Name (search results include partial matches)
- Select a Year and results will populate (select Quarter to further limit results)

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CID	Organizations	<u>Year</u>	Quarter	Select
C005050	3 Phases Renewables Inc.	2017	02	
C005050	3 Phases Renewables Inc.	2017	Q3	
C005050	3 Phases Renewables Inc.	2017	04	
C005050	3 Phases Renewables, Inc.	2017	Q1	
C005096	360Recycling	2017	01	
C005096	360Recycling	2017	02	
C005096	360Recycling	2017	- Q3	
C002270	3C Solar LLC	2017	Q1	
C002270	3C Solar LLC	2017	02	
C002270	3C Solar LLC	2017	0.3	
C002270	3C Solar LLC	2017	Q4	
C002110	3Degrees Group, Inc.	2017	Q1	ď

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3C Solar LLC

CSV_2017_Q1_1508825_764493.zip

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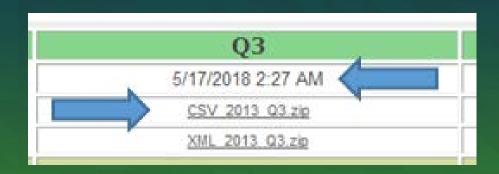
Toll Free: 866-208-3676.

 Click on "EQR Report File" to retrieve your requested files

Data Access Methods: Downloads – Bulk Downloads



Data Access Methods: DownloadsBulk Downloads



- Can download in CSV or XML, by Quarter
- Downloaded data is delivered in a .Zip file containing another
 .Zip file for each company.
- For CSV, the four data files are within each company .Zip file.
- For XML, the xml file is within each company .Zip file

Data Access Methods: DownloadsBulk Downloads

• 3rd Quarter 2013 zipped company CSV files (CSV_2013_Q3.zip)

Name	Туре	Compressed size
CSV_2013_Q3_652_468895.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	32 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_711_468987.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	1 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_712_469000.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	4 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_716_469071.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	1 KB
	Compressed (zipped) Fol	3 KB
	Compressed (zipped) Fol	1 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_780_469322.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	131 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_784_469323.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	652 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_788_469333.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	2 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_792_469355.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	3 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_829_469361.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	1 KB
	Compressed (zipped) Fol	1 KB
CSV_2013_Q3_842_469403.ZIP	Compressed (zipped) Fol	1 KB

Data Access Methods: Downloads - Bulk Downloads

Company specific CSV data
 (CSV_2013_Q3_652_468895.ZIP)

Name	Туре	Compressed size
201309_NRG_Solar_Alpine_LLC_contracts.CSV	Microsoft Excel Comma S	1 KB
201309_NRG_Solar_Alpine_LLC_ident.CSV	Microsoft Excel Comma S	1 KB
201309_NRG_Solar_Alpine_LLC_indexPub.CSV	Microsoft Excel Comma S	1 KB
201309_NRG_Solar_Alpine_LLC_transactions.CSV	Microsoft Excel Comma S	31 KB

Data Access Methods: DownloadsBulk Downloads

- An example of how to automate the Bulk Download of CSV files using a general purpose programming language
 - Download the quarterly CSV .Zip file
 - Extract the company-specific .Zip files
 - Extract the CSV files into separate folders (ID, Contract, Transaction, IndexPub)
 - Join ID Data with Contracts and Transactions Data.
 - Combine all ID Data and Contract Data into one file, respectively.

Data Access Methods: Matching Contracts to Transactions

- Four Key Fields define a unique Contract
 - Seller Company Name
 - Customer Company Name
 - Contract Service Agreement ID
 - FERC Tariff Reference
- The Contract CSV and Transaction CSV each contain the four key fields. Match based on these fields, then additional fields as necessary, such as Product Name.

Feedback

How do you access EQR data?



EQR Data Usage – Applications of EQR Data

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Use of EQR Data

- The EQR is the reporting mechanism the Commission has adopted for public utilities to fulfill their responsibility under section 205(c) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) to have their rates and charges on file in a convenient form and place. Certain non-public utilities must also file EQRs to facilitate price transparency in electricity markets under section 220 of the FPA.
- FERC Staff uses EQR data to conduct analyses, prepare reports and white papers, and to review market power analyses included in FERC filings.
- Staff reports and white papers are available at:

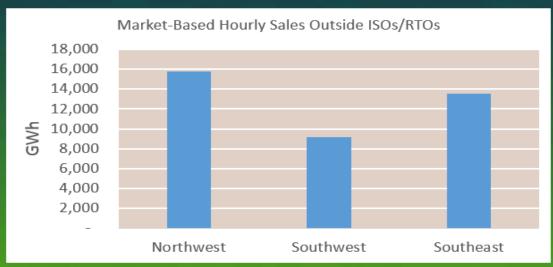
https://www.ferc.gov/legal/staff-reports.asp

Use of EQR Data



Use of EQR Data: State of the Markets Report

Northwest Region Had Largest Share of Hourly Market-Based Rate Sales Outside RTO/ISOs in 2017



Source: Derived from Electric Quarterly Reports (EQR).

Use of EQR Data: EQR Reports

- The EQR Reports provide a summary of the EQR reporting for the quarter such as:
 - Sales by product name, including the quantity sold, transaction charges, average price, low price, and high price.
 - The location where the energy and book out power are sold, including the average price, low price, and high price charged in each Balancing Authority and/or Hub.
 - The top 10 customers who are buying energy and booked out power from a seller, including the quantity sold, total transaction charges received from each of the top 10 buyers and the average price, low price, and high price.

Use of EQR Data: EQR Reports - Products

Sales by Product Name

As Reported in the FERC Electric Quarterly Report (EQR), by Seller

EQR Seller: C000000

Report Period: Qtr. 4 2017

Product	Peak?	# of Lines	Transaction Charge (\$)	Standardized Quantity	Avg. Price	High Price	Low Price
ENERGY	OP	398,020	35,330,579.69	2,798,942.34	\$12.61	\$1,487.53	-113.64
ENERGY	Р	385,394	49,782,137.88	2,600,495.13	\$19.19	\$1,613.22	-160.09
ENERGY	Total	783,414	85,112,717.57	5,399,437.47	\$15.78	\$1,613.22	-160.09
Non Energy/Capacity		762,366	8,032,027.93				
Grand Total		1,545,780	93,144,745.50				

Use of EQR Data: EQR Reports - Customers

Energy Sales and Bookouts by Customer

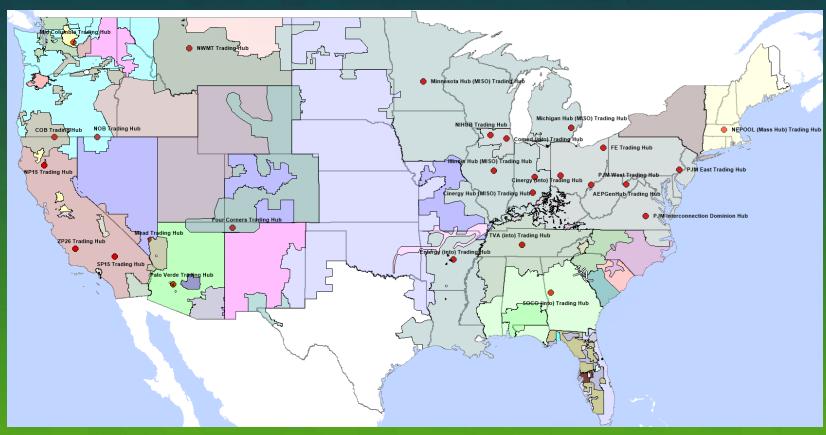
Detail Provided for Top 10 customers by Revenue as Reported for each Seller in the FERC Electric Quarterly Report (EQR)

EQR Seller: C000000

Report Period: Qtr. 4 2017

Customer	Affil?	# of Lines	Transaction Charge (\$)	Standardized Quantity	Avg. Price	High Price	Low Price
Southwest Power Pool	N	783,414	85,112,717.57	5,399,437.47	\$15.78	\$1,613.22	-160.09
Top 10 Total		783,414	85,112,717.57	5,399,437.47			
Seller Total		783,414	85,112,717.57	5,399,437.47			
Top 10% of Total		100	100	100			

Use of EQR data: In conjunction with other sources



Source: ABB Velocity Suite

Feedback

How do you use EQR data?



EQR Data Interpretation

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EQR Data Interpretation Resources

1. EQR Resources

- Data Dictionary
- FAQs
- Requirements Guide
- Commission Orders

2. Additional Resources

Data Dictionary

https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eqr.asp

Filing Reference and Help	
» What is EQR?	» Data Dictionary V3.4 [DF] Redline Version
» Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)	» Validations Rules <u>PDF</u> <u>XLSX</u>
» EQR Web Interface and XML System Guide	» Allowable Entries for Balancing Authorities and Hubs (Fields 39-42, 57, 58)
» Release Notes	» Reference to XML Elements and Tags for EQR Fields
» Implementation Guidance of Executive Order 13579 (for EQR filers) Entering Notes to Corrected EQR Filings	» Electric Quarterly Report Filing Requirements Guide

Frequently Asked Questions

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Electric Quarterly Reports (EQRs) for 3rd Quarter 2013 and Beyond Print this page These Frequently Asked Questions are being provided by FERC staff to assist filers in complying with the requirements set forth in Commission rules and orders for EQRs filed for the third quarter of 2013 and later. Questions and answers may be added or updated from time to time. Browse by Category Browse by Topic O General EQR O Affiliate Sales O Company Registration O Ancillary Services O Contract Data O Automatic Generation Control (AGC) O Contract Data / Transaction O Bookouts O EQR Products O Boundary Sales / Mitigated Sales | Broker O EQR Products / Ancillary O Capacity Reassignment Services O ID Data O Contract Data Name Change

O CSV file

O Non Public Utilities (NPUs)

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Balancing Authority Areas

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Some Additional Resources

- •FERC Form 1
- •EIA Form 860
- RTO/ISO Data
- EPA Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) data

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What sources do you use to interpret EQR data?

Open Discussion

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