

Updated CSV Files and Improved Sandbox Testing Site

Commission staff anticipates posting updated CSV files that support the XML schema table values by December 07, 2009. When updated, these files will be available for download from the eTariff page at ferc.gov. The FERC eTariff rule table PDF will also be updated and available for download. The current Sandbox test site will be replaced with a new version to utilize the updated CSV files and to extend the number of tariff filing validations that are performed against test zip files. Updated instructions for use of the site will be posted on the eTariff page prior to the change.

Pre-Production Test Environment

Commission staff also anticipate making available a more robust test environment by January 04, 2010. To access the environment, users must have a valid eRegistration account in FERC On-line and will be required to use their valid Company Registration ID to upload their test zip package. To afford staff an opportunity to evaluate our changes in the tariff filing and validation processes, we ask filers to follow the schedule below to test tariff filing data integrity by type of filing category.

Week 1 (Jan 04 – 15)	Baseline Category Filings
Week 2 (Jan 18 – 22)	Normal and Compliance Category Filings
Week 3 (Jan 25 – 29)	Amendment Filing Category Filings
Week 4 (Feb 01–05)	Motions/Withdrawals/Cancellation/Report Category Filings

All test tariff filings will be cycled through the validation process and validation emails will be generated and returned to the filer. The test version of the “Final SOC acceptance email” will provide a “test” docket number and “test” accession number but **NO DATA WILL BE POSTED TO eLIBRARY** during this test period. Successful filings posted in the test database should be viewable via a test of the public tariff viewer. Guidelines to fully explain the test environment processes will be posted on the eTariff page prior to this functionality going live. Because of the need to transition to live filings, this test environment will be taken down prior to the start of the baseline filing process.

Test CIDs: Actual CIDs may be used by companies who anticipate filing eTariffs with the Commission. For those parties that wish to use the Pre-Production Test Environment but are not regulated entities, they may request a CID for a test company or companies. To acquire a CID, follow the [SOC Instructions for Company Registration](#), except as follows:

Company Name: Start the Company Name with TEST:<Testing Company> E.g.: TEST: XYZ Software Vendor, Inc.

Company Phone: The phone number for FERC staff to contact on issues involving test filings

Company email: The email address for FERC staff to use on issues involving test filings.

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