

**SOUTHERN COMPANY TRANSMISSION
CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION (“CEII”)
ACCESS PROCEDURES**

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Overview

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has issued regulations and orders governing its use and dissemination of, as well as the ability and authority of transmission providers to restrict the dissemination of, sensitive information including Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII), as that term is defined by the regulations of the FERC in 18 C.F.R. § 388.113. These rules and regulations speak to the responsibility to protect public safety by taking steps to help ensure that access to CEII does not expose the infrastructure to acts of terrorism.

Pursuant to FERC orders and regulations including but not limited to 18 C.F.R. § 37.6, Southern Companies may be required to post or otherwise make available to transmission customers and other interested parties information that may contain or itself be CEII.

In order to continue to protect CEII from improper disclosure, Southern Companies has developed this CEII access procedure.

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CEII REQUESTS

- I. Transmission customers and individuals desiring to obtain CEII, including but not limited to base case power flow models and dynamics data, must submit a completed CEII Request Form to Southern Companies (the Transmission Provider) as well as execute the Southern Company Services, Inc. Non-Disclosure Agreement for Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“NDA”).
 - a. The completed CEII request form must identify, among other things, what information is being requested, the intended use of the requested information, the name of the requestor and their employer (and whether the individual or employer is acting as agent for another entity) if applicable.
 - b. The NDA must be executed by an authorized signatory of the entity making the request along with any and all individual employees and consultants of the entity that have a need and are expected to access any CEII provided to the requestor by the Transmission Provider.

- II. Once the completed CEII Request Form and NDA has been submitted to the Transmission provider, the Transmission provider will send the requestor a background consent form with directions to send the consent form to Southern Company Security Personnel.
 - a. Before a requestor can authorize a background investigation, the individual must read and acknowledge notification of their Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act which is contained within the Background Investigation Consent Form. Once completed, the form is to be forwarded to the Southern Company Security Personnel.
 - b. The completed Background Investigation Consent Form must be accompanied by the appropriate non-refundable fee for the background investigation. An invoice, which will be due 20 days upon receipt, for the non-refundable fee can be sent to requestor if needed. The fee schedule is posted on OASIS and may be revised from time to time.