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Leonard Tao

Freedom of Information Act Officer

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

888 First Street NE

Washington DC 20426

Dear Mr. Tao:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). We hereby request copies of the full and unredacted Notices of Penalty (NOP), including settlement agreements and corporate names of Unidentified Registered Entities, submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) under the following FERC dockets for fines assessed for violators of NERC Standard FAC-003-1 — Transmission Vegetation Management Program:

1. NP12-20-000
2. NP11-137-000
3. NP11-128-000
4. NP11-1-000

In order to help you to determine our status for assessment of fees, you should know that the Foundation for Resilient Societies is a non-profit organization with the mission of boosting critical infrastructure resilience and recoverability. Education of the public on risks to the U.S. Bulk Power System is a key part of our activities.

We request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in our commercial interest. Because of catastrophic and deadly fires in the Western Interconnection caused by transmission lines contacting vegetation, the public has an interest in knowing which utilities have been fined for non-compliance with vegetation management standards and the terms of their settlement agreements. For each standard violation in the above requested NOP, the Violation Risk Factor is “high.”

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 855-688-2430, ext. 701 or [thomasp@resilientsocieties.org](mailto:thomasp@resilientsocieties.org).

We look forward to receiving your response within the twenty day statutory time period. Thank you for your consideration of this FOIA request.

Sincerely,



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Chairman and President

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