



To: Energy Safety Data Guidelines Stakeholders

Date: 8/31/2026

Re: Applications for Confidentiality of Spatial Data

Dear Energy Safety Data Guidelines Stakeholders,

Energy Safety would like to clarify the submission process for spatial data confidentiality statements as we understand there is some confusion with the E-filing interface. The issue is that the files being claimed confidential are not in fact uploaded through E-filing, but rather through a secure SharePoint location. This makes it unclear if the confidentiality statement needs to be uploaded as confidential or public (considering it will be the public record of the submission regardless), and if it is confidential what files should be attached as the confidential "contents" it refers to.

For internal technical reasons, it is important for utilities to upload these applications as confidential E-filings. What Energy Safety requires to upload Confidentiality Statements for spatial data is the following:

1. Click "Submit Confidential E-Filing" on the E-filing home page
2. Select the appropriate docket from the case "Electrical: Data", e.g. "2026 Data Submissions."
3. Upload the signed confidentiality statement as the Application for Confidential Designation. Click "Edit details" and add all required information.
4. In the box for uploading the actual confidential documents, please add the attached placeholder file, uploaded to the same docket as "PLACEHOLDER Confidential Spatial Data.xlsx". This file indicates to E-filing users and approvers that the referenced file claimed confidential was indeed uploaded through SharePoint. No editing, signature, or any other information needs to be added to this placeholder file by the electrical corporation.
5. Click "Edit details" for the placeholder file and add identical information to the first file, but with a title matching the placeholder filename. Additionally, mark the confidentiality sunset date, or mark "indefinite" with justification in the Notes field. This will be understood to refer to the confidentiality sunset date of the related spatial data submission received through E-filing.
6. Click "Continue to Review & Submit", and on the next page, click "I Agree & Submit."
7. Energy Safety will approve the file if
 - a. the signed confidentiality statement meets all the requirements under Cal.

- Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 29200, and
- b. the data file is confirmed to be uploaded in the assigned SharePoint location, and
 - c. the data file has been accepted by Energy Safety.

Please contact clayton.strawn@energysafety.ca.gov with any questions about this process.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1 – Utility Data Submission Portal Rollout Schedule

Phase 0: The electrical corporation must provide its submission directly through the E-filing system during the period of **1/1/2026 – 7/31/2026**, up to and including the Q1 2026 data submission.

- Energy Safety may invite some electrical corporations to test UDSP in a pilot state during the period of **4/27/2026 – 5/8/2026**.
- Energy Safety may send out a notice of a workshop for all electrical corporations to test UDSP on a voluntary basis during the period **5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026**.

Phase 1: The electrical corporation must provide its submission both through E-filing system and through UDSP during the period of **8/1/2026 – 10/31/2026**, beginning with and including the Q2 2026 data submissions.

Phase 2: The electrical corporation must provide its submission through UDSP starting **11/1/2026** and onward, beginning with and including the Q3 2026 data submissions.