

Seasonal Ratings Autoloader Template Q&A Summary (Updated July 10, 2025)

Q: Where can I find reference materials for the Seasonal Ratings Autoloader Template?

A: You can access both the instructions and CSV file at CAISO Transmission Register Portal
<https://www.caiso.com/systems-applications/portals-applications/transmission-register>

Q: Who should I contact regarding the Market Simulation or Production environment questions related to the Seasonal Ratings Autoloader Template?

A: Please direct your inquiries via email to the Grid Assets team: Parikshat Pathak (ppathak@caiso.com) and Adalberto Baca-Chavez (abacachavez@caiso.com)

Q: Is there a deadline for uploading seasonal ratings to the Transmission Register (TR)?

A: CAISO has not imposed an official deadline. While auto-approval will remain active until all existing equipment ratings are submitted and validated, Participating Transmission Operators (PTOs) are encouraged to upload at their own pace.

Q: Will the ISO accept multiple seasonal emergency ratings based on different durations such as 0, 4, 1, 0.5?

A: This has not been included as part of the phase 1 FERC 881 Transmission Register enhancements but may be considered for future enhancements.

Q: How many emergency ratings do CAISO support per season?

A: CAISO will support one emergency rating per season in addition to normal ratings. PTOs should ensure that submissions fall within the established summer/winter boundaries to avoid rejection by the system.

Q: Will we be uploading to the original TR or a new one for FERC 881?

A: You will use the existing TR in Production. The MAP Stage environment is available for testing and validating uploads before submitting to Production.

Q: Can seasonal ratings be uploaded at any time?

A: Yes. PTOs may begin uploading as soon as they are ready. The system is designed to handle bulk uploads and auto-approve based on criteria. Note: This applies to existing components only and does not modify other data.

Q: Is there concern about data complexity with so many ratings?

A: Operational teams will determine how ratings are used. To implement broader changes, consistent collaboration across PTOs will be key.

Q: How does the seasonal rating “foot per second” rule apply?

A: The ISO does not determine facility rating methodologies; however, the ISO prefers that PTOs use 2 fps in their calculations.

Q: Will operators use data from both webLineR and the TR?

A: Yes, Operators will reference both webLineR and the TR.

Q: How should ambient adjusted ratings be submitted?

A: Hourly Ambient Ratings will be submitted through webLineR. Further operational guidance will be provided by CAISO.

Q: Is there a field in the TR for seasonal start/end dates?

A: No predefined field exists. It is up to each PTO to define seasonal boundaries, such as winter start/end periods, within their nodes. CAISO provides general seasonal references but does not enforce start/end dates.

Q: Is July 14 a deadline for submission?

A: No. July 14 marks the opening of the MAP Stage for upload testing, which will continue for two weeks. This trial period is intended to validate data prior to the Production rollout.

Q: When is the Production environment go-live date?

A: The Production date will be communicated in a future update.