Data Collection System (DCS)

Reporting System for Electric Program Entities:

All RUS Electric Program year-end financial and operating reports for Electric Borrowers that file annually are due by March 31st of the following year in DCS.

The **Data Collection System (DCS)** is located at: https://dcs.sc.egov.usda.gov.

New Reporting System for Telecom Program Entities:

As of December 31, 2023, all Telecom Program entities will be completing all required reports in the **Reporting and Compliance (R&C)** system found here, https://reporting-and-compliance.rd.usda.gov/s/.

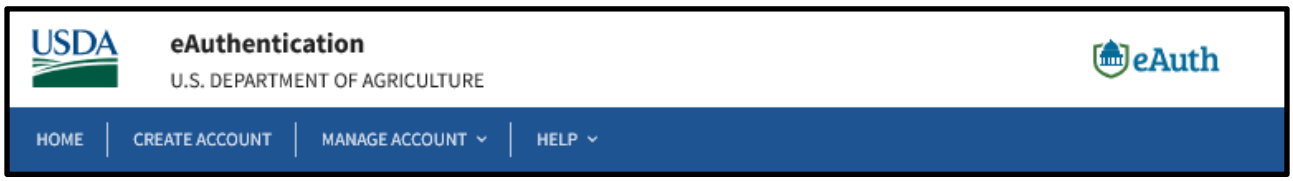
- If you are a RUS Electric Program Entity, ***with a ReConnect award***, you will complete your ReConnect award reports in ***R&C*** **and** continue to use the ***DCS*** to file reports associated with the Electric Program.

For more information on the Reporting and Compliance system please see the Reporting and Compliance User Guide found here: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/rural-development-reporting-compliance-user-guide.pdf or the Reporting and Compliance website: https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/reporting-compliance

User Access to DCS

USDA (eAuth) has partnered with Login.gov to provide a more secure account login which utilizes Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and provides a means to access systems at multiple Government Agencies with one account. eAuth/Login.gov is the system used by USDA agencies to enable access to USDA Web applications and services through the Internet. Only one (eAuth/Login.gov) account is required for each user.

1. All Users: Obtain a verified Login.gov account by accessing the DCS at https://dcs.sc.egov.usda.gov and selecting Create Account. Once verification is completed in Login.gov, notify your DCS Administrator to add your verified account to DCS.



2. For further USDA eAuthentication (eAuth) guidance reference the links below.

Creating a Login.gov account:
https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/faq?gid=PublicCustomer&qid=PublicCustomerComingSoonFaqItemId12

eAuth Help: https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/home

Changes to eAuth Login: https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/news/login-new-look

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/faq

eAuth Contact Us: https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/contactus

3. Complete and Submit Form 674 and Board Resolution

- Staff requiring the “Certifier” or “Admin” role need to email the Form 674 and Board Resolution to their General Field Representative (GFR).
- Form 674 - Certificate of Authority to Submit or Grant Access to Data (revised 03/06).
- RUS Forms – Instructions for Form 674 and Board Resolution to be used with Form 674.

4. Existing eAuth user access:

As of September 30, 2024, USDA eAuthentication requires the use of Login.gov for all our public customers to access USDA online resources.

DCS Reference

For DCS information view links under Resources:

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-programs

For additional information and Frequently Asked Questions on DCS, reference the DCS Technical User Guide at: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dcs_technical_user_guide.pdf

DCS Points of Contact:

Rural Development (RD) Help Desk

The RD Help Desk provides technical functionality assistance for the DCS. Contact the RD Help Desk via email or phone.

Email: RD.HD@USDA.GOV

Phone: 1-800-457-3642, option 2 (USDA Applications); then option 2 (Rural Development)

Technical Accounting Review Branch

For assistance with obtaining an audit date or to upload an audit report to DCS, contact the Technical Accounting Review Branch (TARB) at Compliance.TARB@usda.gov.

Points of Contact (Content) for Electric Entities:

For questions concerning the filing of Distribution and Power Supply Financial and Operating Reports,or clarification of the data required for each field, please contact one of the following:

Financial data and general filing questions:

- Mark Moore: William.Moore@usda.gov

Plant changes, Additions to the List of Utilities and Energy Efficiency:

- Luiz Rodriquez Pagan: Luis.Rodriguez-Pagan@usda.gov

Points of Contact (Content) for Telecom Entities:

For questions concerning the Reporting and Compliance System, including user access and individual reports:

- Contact Us: https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us or
- Rebecca McDavid: rebecca.mcdavid@usda.gov