

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)** URL: <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/>.

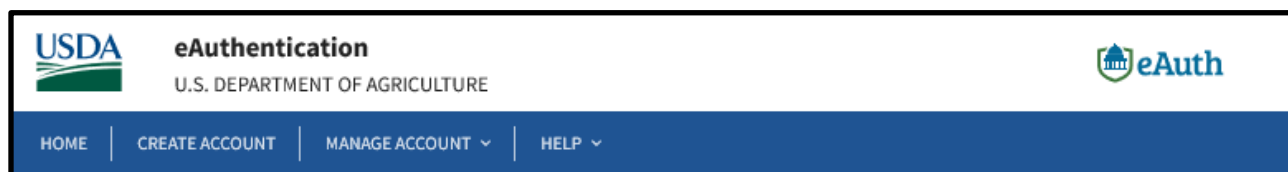
- If you are a RUS Electric Program Entity, **with a ReConnect award**, you will complete your ReConnect award reports in **R&C** and continue to use the **DCS** to file reports associated with the Electric Program.

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 url 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. Reference the **USDA eAuthentication (eAuth)** Help section below for further information on eAuth/Login.gov accounts.
3. Complete and Submit Form 674 and Board Resolution
 - [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.
 - Electric entities should then email their completed Form 674 and Board Resolution to their General Field Representative (GFR). Staff with “Certifier” or “Admin” roles need to submit a new Form 674 and Board Resolution to their GFR’s.
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. Start using Login.gov now to enjoy the added security benefits of multi-factor authentication to protect your information. [View guidance on how to create a Login.gov account for use with USDA.](#)

USDA eAuthentication (eAuth) Help section

eAuth Help: [eAuthentication \(usda.gov\)](#)

For additional information on Login.gov and to view Frequently Asked Questions, visit the following sites:

<https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/news/login-new-look>

<https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/faq>

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

DCS Reference

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

DCS Access/Points of Contact:

Rural Development (RD) Help Desk

The RD Help Desk provides technical functionality assistance for the DCS.

Consult the [DCS Technical User Guide](#) for Frequently Asked Questions.

If your question is not answered, then 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)

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:

- Miguel Almario: Miguel.Almario@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