ESC Adopts Governance and Bylaws

The Electronic Scheduling Collaborative (ESC) was established to look for industry consensus regarding commercial business practices associated with OASIS Phase II and Electronic Scheduling. Since then, the ESC has made considerable progress toward that goal. At the ESC's January 2002 meeting, the group adopted Bylaws and associated sector voting rules consistent with other proposals currently before the industry. The ESC recognizes and supports the industry's efforts to formally establish a wholesale electric standards body but is not presenting itself as an alternate proposal for such a body. The ESC will continue to work towards developing consensus on business practices associated with Electronic Scheduling and OASIS Phase II, and to interface with the appropriate standards bodies and/or FERC regarding those practices.

The ESC's Governance and Bylaws document is posted on the ESC web site at http://www.nerc.com/~filez/eScheduling.html. The Bylaws require open meetings; however, for voting purposes, those who wish to participate in "Active Membership" must register with the Membership Committee and select the segment(s) they will represent. The ESC will begin operating under the new Governance and Bylaws at its next meeting; therefore, the voting Segments must be registered and populated in the next few weeks. The ESC will provide the industry with additional information on the registration process the week of January 28. The Bylaws provide for six Segments:

- Transmission Owners
- ISO, RTO, RRO and Non-owning Transmission Operators
- Electric Generators
- Electricity Brokers, Aggregators, Marketers
- Load Serving Entities and Transmission Dependent Utilities
- End-Use Customers

The ESC will develop Business Practices and Standards for OASIS Phase II and Electronic Scheduling, in compliance with federal regulations, to enable the industry to:

- Procure, Track, Trade, and Schedule Transmission Rights
- Procure, Track, Trade, and Schedule Energy
- Procure, Track, Trade, and Schedule Ancillary Services
- Promote and facilitate the concept of One Stop Shopping
- View information postings related to the above actions

The ESC will also have responsibility to identify and develop functional processes and standards in conjunction with the OASIS Standards Collaborative (OSC), and at a minimum:

- Develop the process for One-Stop Shopping
- Determine what information to publish for the marketplace related to Transmission Rights, Energy, and Ancillary Services
- Address transmission to OASIS Phase II from OASIS 1A and E-Tag environments

The ESC will interface with the OSC, appropriate Commercial Business Practice standards groups, coordinate with NERC Committees to change NERC Policies or Organization Standards,

and file proposals with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to facilitate adoption of ESC Business Practices and recommended Standards.

The ESC encourages and invites all industry participants to assist in the development of these Business Practices as we continue to develop OASIS Phase II and Electronic Scheduling.

For further information, please visit the ESC Home Page at:
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