

# ELECTRONIC SCHEDULING COLLABORATIVE

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## ESC and OSC Technical Resource Proposal

Gentlemen,

The Electronic Scheduling Collaborative (ESC) and the OASIS Standards Collaborative (OSC) would like to explore with you how we might serve as a technical resource to both NERC and NAESB as your two organizations work to develop and coordinate your respective standards.

The ESC and OSC have been working for some time on a consensus business practices document for use in implementing electronic scheduling as envisioned in the Commission's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for OASIS Phase II in Docket No. RM01-10-000 (ANOPR). We are also examining and preparing to comment on many of the technical issues associated with FERC's Standard Market Design NOPR. We believe that, as a result of this work and the technical expertise that exists in the ESC and OSC organizations, we are well positioned to serve as a valuable industry resource to support your efforts to provide the industry and the Commission with workable standards for electronic scheduling that will meet both reliability and market needs as quickly as possible.

We look forward to discussing this proposal with you.

Respectfully,

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## **Background on the Electronic Scheduling and OASIS Standards Collaboratives**

Both the ESC and the OSC have a long history of working on the issues associated with OASIS, E-tagging, and Electronic Scheduling. The ESC and OSC are North American industry collaboratives that are diverse in composition. Both groups adhere to the industry's mandate for open and inclusive organizations.

The ESC membership is comprised of six segments:

- Generation Merchants;
- Marketers;
- Load Serving Entities and Transmission Dependent Utilities;
- Transmission Providers;
- Independent System Operators, Regional Transmission Organizations, and Regional Reliability Organizations; and
- End-Use Customers.

ESC advisory members include software vendors, consultants, and other industry experts.

The OSC is similarly comprised, but does not recognize formal industry segments nor adopt segmented voting; all attendees are eligible voting members.

The ESC was created by the industry, which recognized a need to respond to the FERC ANOPR. The ESC can trace its roots to the OASIS "What" Working Group, and has worked with FERC and various industry groups over the years. The ESC focuses on what technical issues need to be addressed when developing systems and regulations that define electronic scheduling. The ESC's roles and governance are defined within a set of formally adopted and published bylaws.

The OSC focuses on technical implementation issues. It coordinates closely with the ESC for its direction. The OSC was created through the informal collaboration of the OASIS "How" Working Group and the NERC Transaction Information System Working Group. These two technical groups have developed standards and communications protocols for several of the industry's most complex, North American software systems related to the wholesale electric industry: the OASIS and the E-tagging systems. Both systems were designed by these groups, and have been continually updated with enhancements and technology changes over the past several years.