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TO: Wholesale Electric Quadrant Members and Interested Industry Participants
FROM: John Simonelli, ISO-NE
Andy Rodriquez, PJM
Joel Dison, Southern Company
RE: Call for Participation in the Electronic Scheduling Subcommittee and its Task Forces
DATE: February 4, 2004

Dear Industry Participants,

The Electronic Scheduling Subcommittee (ESS) of the NAESB Wholesale Electronic Quadrant was formed in part to address Business Practice issues associated with the ongoing maintenance of OASIS Phase IA and the development of OASIS Phase II. Additional links to information on the creation and scope of the ESS can be found at the links on the next page. These efforts are extremely critical to both the current and long term viability of competitive, nondiscriminatory wholesale electric markets in North America. As such, two very important task forces under the ESS have been formed to address these issues. The success of these task forces is highly dependent on the industry's active support.

The OASIS 1A Task Force, working in conjunction with a complementary task force within the Information Technology Subcommittee (ITS), will develop Standards and Communications Protocol (S&CP) changes and associated Business Practice Standard changes needed to implement OASIS 1A changes requested by the former OASIS Standards Collaborative (OSC). Bob Harshbarger of Puget Sound Energy will chair the ESS OASIS 1A Business Practices TF while J.T. Wood of Southern Company will chair the ITS OASIS 1A S&CP Technical TF

The OASIS II Task Force is continuing the work originally begun by the former Electronic Scheduling Collaborative (ESC) to develop a set of Business Practice Standards necessary to implement Phase II of OASIS as originally requested by FERC in its OASIS II ANOPR issued in Docket RM00-10 on July 14, 2000. This task force will be chaired by Andy Rodriquez of PJM. As with the OASIS 1A task force, there is also a complementary Information Technology Subcommittee task force working on the technical aspects of OASIS II, such as infrastructure and (ultimately) protocol design.

As a market entity directly affected by existence, use, or maintenance of OASIS systems, your participation in these task forces is critical. Only through the broadest industry involvement in these task forces can these products be successfully developed to adequately address the needs of the industry. As such, if you are interested and are willing to participate in either of these task forces or in the ESS itself, please let the NAESB office know immediately. Additionally, all market participants are encouraged to refer to the ESS web site for further information, relevant working documents, and meeting schedules.

Yours Respectfully,

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For additional information regarding the creation and scope of the ESS, please refer to the following links:

Letters regarding the creation of the ESS: http://www.naesb.org/pdf/weq_ess082903w1.pdf

or http://www.naesb.org/pdf/weq_ess091903w1.pdf

ESS Mission Statement: http://www.naesb.org/pdf/weq_ess121503w1.pdf

ESS Web Site: http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq_electronic_scheduling.asp

FERC ANOPR regarding OASIS Phase II:

<http://ferris.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=8054676>

NAESB Request for OASIS 1A Standard Enhancements:

<http://www.naesb.org/pdf/r04006.pdf>

NAESB Request for OASIS II Standards: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf/r04007.pdf>