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TO: NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant OASIS 1A Issues Task Force Participants,
Posting for Interested Industry Participants

FROM: Todd Oncken, NAESB Deputy Director

RE: NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant Information Technology Subcommittee OASIS
1A Issues Task Force Meeting Final Minutes – November 14, 2003

DATE: November 18, 2003

**Wholesale Electric Quadrant Information Technology Subcommittee
OASIS 1A Task Force
Friday, November 14, 2003
10:00 a.m. to noon Central**

1. Welcome

Mr. Wood called the meeting to order and welcomed participants. Mr. Oncken gave the antitrust advice. No changes to the agenda were offered and the agenda was adopted by consent. The minutes from the November 7, 2003 conference call were reviewed and no changes were offered. The minutes from the November 7, 2003 conference call were adopted by consent as drafted.

2. Discussion of written comments on the OASIS 1A Open Issues document

Participants worked through the Combined Comments OASIS 1A Open Issues document by section. The goal identified was to combine all comments and other statements into a single statement recommendation for each section, with the recommendation being voted on during the next conference call and presented to the WEQ Information Technology Subcommittee (IT) during its December 2 meeting. Parties generally thought most of the issues were compliance related.

1. Additional Standardization in OASIS Phase 1A – Participants reached consensus that additional standardization of OASIS Phase 1A was warranted since the implementation timeline for OASIS 2 has not been developed and outstanding issues still need to be resolved.

2. GUI Issue/Navigation – The comments were reviewed. There was general consensus that no standards were needed at this time.

3. Output Formats – There was general consensus that there is not a need for a massive change in OASIS Phase 1A to transition into XML format.

4. INFO.HTM – There was general consensus that this was a compliance issue as it is addressed in the S&CP. There was brief discussion on the issue. It was noted OASIS homepages contain all of the information contained in INFO.HTM files.

5. Posting of Schedules – There was general agreement that this was a compliance issue.

6. TLR & Curtailment Posting – There was general agreement this issue contained both compliance issues for the existing S&CP and also a business clarification regarding which events should be posted.

7. Posting of Advertisements – This issue was discussed at length. Although it was noted that the S&CP was vague, there was not consensus on whether this item was a business clarification to clarify what types of messages were impermissible. It was noted this issue is complicated by the fact that many OASIS sites are hosted by external companies and a 'hosted by' reference could be viewed as an advertisement.



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8. Upgrade Planning - The following consensus language was proposed: Anytime an incremental change in OASIS standards is adopted, the change will include a migration and testing plan as part of that standard. Mr. Burden noted the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) has an Interpretations Subcommittee to resolve issues of standards interpretation. It was suggested that the WEQ employ a similar approach.

9. Responsibility Determination - There was no consensus language proposed for this issue.

10. Redirect of Transmission Service - There was consensus that this issue was neither compliance nor a clarification since it was not addressed in the S&CP. Participants felt that the issue was ripe for standardization since the Western markets are currently addressing the issue. It was suggested that the IT and Electronic Scheduling Subcommittee (ESS) work jointly on this issue as both a technical and business practices effort.

11. Recalls of Transmission Service - There was consensus that any changes regarding this issue should be done through a business practices process.

12. Multiple Submission of Identical Transmission Requests/Queuing Issues - There was consensus that this issue should be worked on as both a technical and business practices modification. This issue was discussed at length and the discussion revealed this as a very complex issue.

13. Population of System Data - Participants agreed this was a compliance issue.

14. Ancillary Service Requests and Purchases - There was consensus that this was a compliance issue.

15. ATC Updates - There was not a consensus recommendation on this issue. During discussion it was noted that the likely recommendation would either be a referral to the ESS for business practice development or research to determine whether FERC addressed this issue and a technical modification was warranted.

16. NAESB Implementation of Compliance Program - It was noted this issue was discussed during the October IT meeting and it was determined that NAESB does not perform a compliance function. Further, it was made clear that compliance was a function to be completed by the FERC.

17. Announcing/Posting of OASIS Outages - Participants discussed posting OASIS outages and methods for distributing those outages, including the use of a common message exploder. There was not consensus on a method to include in the recommendation to the IT. It was noted that messages posted on a message board are ineffective when the website is not operational. The following recommendation was suggested - OASIS nodes must have the ability to accept an email notification and then that mechanism will be used for posting notices. There was consensus that this was a technical compliance change.

18. Standardized Process for NITS service on OASIS - Participants felt this issue should be broken down into three parts. The first part of the issue - dealing with the overall misuse of status indicators - was identified as a technical compliance issue. The second part of the issue - the enumerated standardized process - was identified as a business process issue that should be referred to the ESS. The third part of the issue - the remainder of the issue - was identified as a technical clarification issue that needed more specificity to be provided by the WEQ IT Subcommittee.

19. Post Reference Field - There was consensus that this was a compliance issue.

20. Naming Standardization - It was noted this was a long-standing issue. The major issue was identified as follows: at a point of interconnect between two providers, how is the point name



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established and agreed-upon such that the name is used consistently for both parties. It was suggested the method developed in the West be presented at the December IT meeting. Participants agreed this would be both a technical and business processes change.

Mr. Wood proposed to complete a draft comments consensus statement for each item in the document and post it for industry comment on November 19. The document would be used as the base for a recommendation to the IT regarding the OASIS 1A Issues document.

3. Future Meetings

The next OASIS 1A Issues Task Force conference call is scheduled for November 24, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to noon Central. A recommendation to the WEQ IT on the OASIS 1A Issues document will be finalized during that conference call.

4. Adjourn

Mr. Wood adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Central.

5. Attendance

Name	Company	Comments
Leona Banning	NAESB	
Michael Beasley	WAPA	
Christopher Burden	Williams Gas Pipeline	
Lloyd Cambre	Entergy	
Polly Irons	Entergy	
James Keaton	Southwest Power Pool	
Cheryl Mendrala	ISO New England	
Alex Mitreski	Entergy	
Todd Oncken	NAESB Deputy Director	Admin
Johnny Robinson	Entergy	
Peter Rogan	ISO New England	
Marv Rosenberg	FERC	
William Smith	Allegheny Power	
Paul Sorenson	Open Access Technology	
J.T. Wood	Southern Company	Chair