

August 23, 2000

The Honorable David P. Boergers
Office of the Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N. E.
Washington, DC 20426

References: FERC Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, 18 CFR Part 37, Docket No. RM95-9-014, August 1, 2000

Subject: Implementation Schedule for Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct Version 1.4

Dear Secretary Boergers:

The FERC Order, RM95-9-014 requests the effective date of implementation for OASIS Version 1.4 to be 150 days after the publication of the Order in the Federal Register. The OASIS How Working Group had requested that the final date be set to avoid seasonal peak periods. The OASIS How Working group therefore proposes implementation on March 1, 2001, after the winter peak season in electrical usage. The beginning of a month is also preferred for accounting practices. It is proposed that Transmission Providers may use some of the new templates earlier, as long as they continue to accept requests with the OASIS Phase 1A, Version 1.3, templates until March 1, 2001.

Schedule and Plan for Implementation

The OASIS How Working Group proposes the following schedule and plan for implementing OASIS Version 1.4.

Date	Plan
February 1, 2001	Each OASIS Transmission Provider would indicate on their OASIS web site the location of their test site and times of availability for testing by Transmission Customers, during the month of February
February 1, 2001	Each OASIS Transmission Provider will indicate on their OASIS web site the time and location for training courses for Transmission Customers during the month of February
February 28, 2001	Each OASIS web site will shut down for no more than 12 hours prior to midnight local time on February 28, 2001. OASIS Version 1.4 revised templates will take effect at midnight local time, for that web site, on February 28, 2001, after which OASIS Version 1.3 templates will no longer be used. All transactions during the downtime will be taken by phone or fax and posted on the OASIS web site, as soon as practical, on March 1, 2001.

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