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Via email and post
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The Honorable Patrick H. Wood III
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Results from the NERC-NAESB OASIS Conference held March 29, 2005

Dear Mr. Chairman:

NAESB and NERC held a very productive meeting on March 29 regarding the industry perspectives on the future of OASIS. The turnout was better than we expected, both for attendance in the room and on the phone, with representation from all industry segments. We had several presentations that set the stage for open and candid industry discussion. Your office played a large role in this meeting's success, by providing the meeting facilities at FERC and through the participation of Marvin Rosenberg of your staff.

We draw two key conclusions from the meeting:

- The industry has embraced electronic scheduling as an efficient market tool. Through the implementation of e-tags and the incorporation of e-tags into organizations' scheduling systems, the industry is in the midst of a migration towards electronic scheduling today without the need for a major redefinition of OASIS requirements.
- The changes to OASIS to better support the market are being done on an incremental basis as the industry determines those changes are needed and can prioritize and staff the standards development work. NAESB has several enhancements in front of you with the January 2005 NAESB filing (Docket No. RM05-5-000 included OASIS enhancements for redirects and multiple requests as well as minor changes to existing OASIS standards). More enhancements are being developed or planned (resales and transfers of transmission rights, capacity release rights needed to implement redirect business practices, enhancements to the registry, publish/subscribe functions, standardized process for NITS service, naming standardization). Several other suggestions for standards development were made during the meeting and will be pursued by NAESB through a development of a standards request. Working with NAESB, NERC will continue to maintain and improve the TSIN registry.

Because of the points noted above, the group determined that this was an effective and efficient way to move forward and adapt OASIS to market needs. There was no dissent by any of the participants in taking this incremental approach. As such, NAESB will continue in the direction of making changes in an evolutionary fashion, request by request, and packaging those changes into a work product to submit to the FERC as they are adopted. NERC will continue its support for OASIS matters related to reliability.

We truly appreciate Mr. Rosenberg's involvement and doubt that we could have had the attendance and interest in this topic without your willingness to host the meeting at FERC's offices. Many other points were made during the meeting and for more details on the discussion the minutes and the list of attendees are posted on the NAESB web site.¹ Also, transcripts are available from the meeting.²

¹ The presentations and minutes of the March 29 joint NERC-NAESB meeting may be found at the NAESB web site on the following page: http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq_ess_oasis_2.asp

² For the transcripts, please contact the NAESB office for information.



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Both NERC and NAESB will continue to work together to develop standards for the betterment of the market and the reliability of the system. For OASIS, we will continue to work on requests for enhancements and modifications as submitted from the industry. This was a very productive meeting and we again thank you for helping us make it so.

With Best Regards,

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