



# NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL

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March 16, 2005

TO: NERC ROSTER

Ladies and Gentlemen:

## **Future of OASIS Conference — March 29, 2005**

We would like to inform you of a conference regarding the “Future of OASIS” that the North American Electric Reliability Council and the North American Energy Standards Board are holding at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) headquarters in Washington, D.C. The conference will be on March 29, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

This is an important conference, and its outcome may influence the decisions of FERC and the industry on how your organization will conduct its wholesale electricity business in the future. It may also affect the resources and commitments you will need to make to support any new standards and communications protocols that may be ordered.

Many organizations already have the transmission reservation and energy scheduling systems needed to conduct their wholesale power business. This conference will explore these existing systems and options for OASIS 1A and OASIS II. We believe it is important for you to become engaged in these discussions because the decisions the industry makes now will chart your direction, as well as the steps NERC, NAESB, and FERC will take to ensure that wholesale electricity transactions can be implemented reliably and meet the needs of the marketplace.

If you will be unable to attend this conference, please send us your comments and expectations on the future of OASIS. Specifically, we would like to know whether your organization expects to participate in developing OASIS II and, if so, whether your organization considers OASIS II a priority. Please send your comments to Veronica Thomason at [vthomason@naesb.org](mailto:vthomason@naesb.org) before March 29. NERC and NAESB will use the comments we receive plus the results of this conference to form a position on the future direction of OASIS II.

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We have attached the workshop agenda, and you can find additional information at the following website: [http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq\\_ess\\_oasis\\_2.asp](http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq_ess_oasis_2.asp).

Sincerely,

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Michehl R. Gent  
President and CEO  
North American Electric Reliability Council

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Rae McQuade  
President  
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## North American Energy Standards Board

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February 15, 2005

**TO:** NAESB Information Technology Subcommittee (ITS) Participants, NAESB Electronic Scheduling Subcommittee (ESS) Participants, Members of the ISO/RTO Council, and Interested Industry Participants

**FROM:** DeDe Kirby, Project/Meeting Manager

**RE:** NERC/NAESB Future of OASIS Conference Announcement and Agenda – March 29, 2005

**DATE:** February 15, 2005

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Dear Interested Parties,

A joint NERC/NAESB conference will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at FERC in Washington, D.C., to discuss the future of Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS). The purpose of the conference is to determine what standards and tools are needed to facilitate the exchange of wholesale electric commodities and to provide informal input to FERC regarding the needs of the industry. Members of the industry will give presentations on future industry requirements and OASIS, as well as participate in an open discussion on the goals and objectives of OASIS II. In addition, other related E-scheduling industry initiatives will be reviewed and discussed. Work papers for this meeting are posted on the NAESB website at [http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq\\_ess\\_oasis\\_2.asp](http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq_ess_oasis_2.asp).

Below are the specifics of the meeting:

**When:** Tuesday, March 29, 2005  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern

**Where:** Room #3M-2, 888 First Street, NE, FERC Offices  
Washington, D.C.

The meeting details, including nearby hotels, can be downloaded from the NAESB website for the WEQ OASIS II, [http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq\\_ess\\_oasis\\_2.asp](http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq_ess_oasis_2.asp). A draft agenda is shown following.

If you cannot attend the conference, please call NAESB (713-356-0060) for dial-in instructions. **FERC security requires your name and affiliation if you plan to attend the conference in person. Please RSVP to NAESB with this information by 5 p.m. on March 18, 2005.** This conference like all NAESB meetings is an open meeting, regardless of membership status in NAESB. We look forward to your participation in this conference.

Best Regards,

***DeDe Kirby***

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Meeting/Project Manager, NAESB

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## NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD NERC/NAESB FUTURE OF OASIS CONFERENCE DRAFT AGENDA

March 29, 2005 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern

- 1. Administrative 10 minutes**
  - a. Welcome and Introductions – Chairman
  - b. Arrangements – Secretary
  - c. Meeting Procedures – Chairman
    - i) Antitrust Compliance Guidelines
  
- 2. Conference Objectives and Goals – Conference Chairman 20 minutes**
  - a. Requirements of the ANOPR – Marvin Rosenberg
    - i) Role and importance of technical standards today.
    - ii) Is the ANOPR asking for the tools and standards the industry needs?
    - iii) Do developments in the Industry require new tools and standards?
  - b. Goals to be taken from this conference
    - i) What standards and tools are needed in order to facilitate the exchange of wholesale electric commodities?
    - ii) Provide informal input to FERC regarding the current industry needs
  
- 3. Industry Panel – Moderator – Timothy Roberts 1 hour 30 minutes**
  - a. A diverse panel of industry stakeholders will provide ten-minute presentations on future industry requirements and OASIS. Panel members will be available for Q&A during the 'Open Discussion' portion of the meeting.
  - b. Panel and the bios will be posted separately.

### Lunch 12:30-14:00

- 4. Related Industry Initiatives – Timothy Roberts 1 hour**
  - a. NAESB – Jagjit Singh
    - i) OASIS IA Task Force and ESS OASIS II Task Force
      - (1) Visions and Scopes
      - (2) OASIS IA Business Standards Development
      - (3) OASIS II Functional Areas and System Requirements
      - (4) OASIS II Staged Implementation
  - b. NERC – John Simonelli
    - i) Coordinated scheduling effort
  - c. ISO/RTO Council – TBD
    - i) Current and planned cooperative system developments
  - d. EPRI – TBD
    - i) CIM/CME
  
- 5. Panel/Open Discussion – Comparing Industry Requirements and OASIS Goals –  
Moderator – Conference Chairman Remainder of Day**

(Panel: Paul Sorenson; Jagjit Singh; Bob Harshbarger; Barbara Rehman)

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- a. Is OASIS II on track? Is the staged approach the right approach?
- b. Which elements in each stage of OASIS II should be developed into standards?
- c. If the standard is needed what is its priority and schedule for implementation?
- d. What are the synergies and redundancies among the various initiatives?
  - i) Who and how should the redundancies and inefficiencies be resolved?
- e. Should the industry attempt to catalog and coordinate the various initiatives?
  - i) If yes, should this be a NAESB, NERC, or FERC effort or some combination?
- f. How do we secure and retain industry buy-in and participation in the development of any OASIS II Standards?

**6. Next Steps and Action Items – Conference Chairman**

**7. Adjourn**

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