

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM95-9-003]

**Open Access Same-time Information System and Standards of Conduct; Notice of Technical Conference and Clarification of Procedures for Developing Scheduling Requirements**

June 25, 1997.

Before Commissioners: James J. Hoecker, Chairman; Vicky A. Bailey, William L. Massey, and Donald F. Santa, Jr.

**Introduction**

In order to assess the electric power industry's progress in implementing the requirements of OASIS Phase I, review industry proposals for revisions to these requirements in response to Order No. 889-A, review issues relating to the development of OASIS Phase II requirements, and review how well OASIS is meeting the Commission's goals for open access transmission and the industry's needs for a functioning marketplace, we announce that the Commission's staff will host a technical conference on July 18, 1997 at the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, starting at 10:00 a.m.

We also take this opportunity to provide some guidance as to the development of electronic scheduling requirements for OASIS Phase II implementation.

**Background**

The timetable for OASIS Phase I requirements and OASIS Phase II development is discussed in both Order No. 889 and in Order No. 889-A.<sup>1</sup> Order No. 889 became effective on July 9, 1996 with compliance due by January 3, 1997.<sup>2</sup> Order No. 889-A became effective on May 13, 1997. In Order No. 889-A, the Commission requested that the How Working Group address several issues in a report to the Commission due on or before June 30, 1997.<sup>3</sup> The Commission also requested that the industry file a report with the

Commission, on or before August 4, 1997, dealing with OASIS Phase II requirements.

**Technical Conference**

The Commission's staff will convene a technical conference on OASIS Phase I implementation and OASIS Phase II development. The following issues will be discussed in a panel format:

I. *Status of OASIS Phase I Implementation.* The How Working Group, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), and other interested persons are invited to discuss how well OASIS is working and whether transmission providers are meeting their obligations under the OASIS Phase I regulations.

II. *Summary of How Working Group's June 30, 1997 Report.* The How Working Group, the Commercial Practices Working Group,<sup>4</sup> and other interested persons are invited to discuss the recommendations contained in the June 30th report.

III. *OASIS Phase II.* The How Working Group, the Commercial Practices Working Group, NERC, and other interested persons are invited to preview the industry's report on OASIS Phase II requirements (due on or before August 4, 1997) and discuss what steps should be taken to enhance OASIS and thereby fully realize the Commission's open access goals and create a functional marketplace.

Persons wishing to speak on a panel at the technical conference should submit a request to make a statement in Docket No. RM95-9-003. The request must clearly identify the person desiring to speak and must identify anyone whom the speaker represents. The request must also include a brief [not to exceed 2 pages] synopsis of the issue or issues the speaker wishes to address as well as the speaker's position on that issue or issues. All requests must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 on or before July 3, 1997. A notice listing the speakers and panels for the technical conference will be issued at a later date.

**Broadcast of Technical Conference**

If there is sufficient interest, the Capitol Connection will provide a live broadcast of the technical conference to interested persons. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast for a fee should contact Shirley Al-Jarani by telephone at the Capitol Connection at 703-993-3100 by no later than July 3, 1997.

In addition, National Narrowcast Network's Hearings-On-The-Line

<sup>4</sup> This is an industry-created and industry-based group, facilitated by NERC, comprised of representatives of various industry segments working together on issues concerning electric industry commercial practices. This group is a successor to the OASIS What Working Group.

service covers all FERC meetings live by telephone so that interested persons can listen to the proceedings from any telephone without special equipment. Call 202-966-2211 for details. Billing is based on time on-line.

**Scheduling**

A vitally important issue in the development to the OASIS Phase II requirements is electronic scheduling of transactions. In Order No. 889, the Commission asked the industry to discuss adding scheduling to the OASIS requirements in the report on OASIS Phase II requirements. In Order No. 889-A, we further explained that the inclusion of scheduling as part of the OASIS requirements would be addressed in Phase II.

The Commission's understanding is that NERC, on its own initiative, has taken the lead in developing procedures for the electronic scheduling of transactions. The Commission appreciates NERC's efforts to develop an industry-wide electronic scheduling system. As with the transmission reservation system (covered by the OASIS Phase I requirements), proposed requirements and technical standards for an industry-wide electronic scheduling system are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and review. The Commission must approve the requirements and technical standards to ensure that they comply with the Commission's comparable, open access policy. As with transmission reservations, a standards industry-wide system for electronic scheduling is needed to support the standards of conduct, functional unbundling, and open access transmission.

The Commission accepted the industry's proposal for a phased implementation of OASIS. Scheduling was put off until Phase II because of the expected practical difficulties involved, and due to the Commission's interest in having the basic OASIS requirements implemented as expeditiously as possible. The proposed scheduling standards must be filed with the Commission for review and approval before they go into effect.

The Commission believes that transmission reservation and scheduling are closely related. We are concerned that customers should not be required to learn to use two different systems to reserve capacity and to schedule power. Moreover, electronic scheduling should be readily available to all segments of the electric power industry. Like the Phase I OASIS, the system should be inexpensive and easy to use. We invite NERC and other interested persons to discuss development and

<sup>1</sup> See Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, Order No. 889, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,037, 61 FR 21,737, 21,762-63 (1996), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 889-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,049, 62 FR 12,484, 12,501-03 (1997), *reh'g pending*.

<sup>2</sup> Extended from November 1, 1996, see Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, *order granting request for extension of time*, 76 FERC ¶61,305 (1996).

<sup>3</sup> This report originally was due by June 2, 1997. However upon consideration of a request from the How Working Group, the Commission granted an extension, until June 30, 1997, for submittal of the report.

implementation issues concerning electronic scheduling during the discussion of OASIS Phase II at the technical conference.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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By direction of the Commission.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5851-7]

**Office of Research and Development; DKK Corporation: Application for Equivalent Method Determination**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that DKK Corporation has submitted an equivalency application for model GFS-32 Ambient Air SO<sub>2</sub> Ultraviolet Fluorescent Analyzer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Berne I. Bennett, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD77-B), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, (919) 541-2366.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is given that an application has been received from DKK Corporation, Kichijoji-Kitamachi-shi, Tokyo, 180, Japan, proposing that model GFS-32 Ambient Air SO<sub>2</sub> Ultraviolet Fluorescent Analyzer be designated as an equivalent method under 40 CFR Part 53. If after appropriate technical study, the Administrator determines that this method should be so designated, notice thereof will be

published in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 40 CFR part 53.

**Henry L. Longest II,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5851-5]

**Notice of Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board on August 7-8, 1997**

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold an open meeting of the full Board on August 7-8, 1997. The meeting will be held at the World Trade Club's International Room in Suite 300 of the World Trade Center (Ferry Building at Market St. and the Embarcadero), San Francisco, California. The August 7 session will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., while the August 8 session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator on environmental finance. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss work products under EFAB's current strategic action agenda and to develop an action agenda to direct the Board's activities over the remainder of this year and into 1998. Environmental financing topics expected to be discussed include: cost effective environmental management, community-based environmental protection, brownfields redevelopment, Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and small business access to capital.

The meeting will be open to the public, but seating is limited. For further information, please contact Eugene Pontillo, U.S. EPA on 202-260-6044, or Joanne Lynch, U.S. EPA on 202-260-1459.

Dated: June 20, 1997.

**David Ziegele,**

*Deputy Comptroller.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5851-1]

**Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Program Under Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act as Amended; Clean Air Act Advisory Committee: Accident Prevention Subcommittee's Electronic Submission Workgroup Final Recommendations Report**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Clean Air Act section 112(r) required EPA to publish regulations focusing on the prevention of chemical accidents. On June 20, 1996, EPA published the final rule for risk management programs.

An estimated 66,000 facilities are subject to this regulation based on the quantity of regulated substances they have on-site. Facilities that are subject will be required to implement a risk management program at their facility, and submit a summary of this information "in a method and format" to a central location as specified by EPA prior to June 21, 1999.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee of the CAA Advisory Committee created the Electronic Submission Workgroup in October 1996 to make recommendations on the method and format of RMP submissions. The "Electronic Submission Workgroup Final Recommendations Report" contains recommendations on the technical and practical issues associated with creating a national repository of electronic Risk Management Plans. The report includes recommendations on how the regulated community will report their Risk Management Plans, and how state and local governments, EPA and the public will have access to this information.

**ADDRESSES:**

**Electronic Access.** This document can be accessed in electronic formation through the Internet (at <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/rmp-wg.html>).

**Order Copies.** To order paper copies of this report, please fax a request to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Information Hotline at 703-412-3333 or call at 800-412-9877, or 703-412-9810 in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

**Docket.** This document is in Docket A-91-73 Category VIII-A and available for public inspection and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.,