

Southern Company OASIS Notice – NITS on OASIS Implementation Plan

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In accordance with NAESB Version 003, WEQ 002-5.10.3, Southern Company shall implement and support the OASIS S&CP Version 2.0 NITS OASIS Templates for the arrangement of *NITS on OASIS* no later than April 24, 2016. In order to meet this implementation deadline, Southern Company proposes this plan for transitioning existing NITS arrangements to Version 2.0 NITS OASIS Templates effective July 24, 2015.

Prior to 10/24/2015:

<u>Verify NITS lead contacts and permissions.</u> Southern Company will communicate with each current NITS customer to identify a lead contact or agent that will be responsible for arranging its *NITS on OASIS* information and confirm that the contact has appropriate OATI access and permissions.

<u>Verify current NITS arrangement.</u> Southern Company will coordinate with each current NITS customer to ensure that the existing implementation of its NITS arrangement on the Southern Company OASIS node using *NITS on OASIS (without templates)* is complete.

Prior to 1/24/2016:

<u>Compare current NITS implementation to Version 2.0 NITS templates.</u> Southern Company will communicate additional, anticipated data requirements needed to address differences between its current NITS implementation as compared to the future implementation utilizing Version 2.0 NITS templates.

<u>Develop NITS on OASIS Business Practice.</u> Southern Company will begin developing a business practice to assist current NITS customers in the *NITS on OASIS* application process and will finalize prior to implementation.

Prior to 3/24/2016:

<u>Utilize demo OASIS for NITS application testing.</u> Existing NITS customers are urged to test the *NITS on OASIS* application process on the OATI demo OASIS and attempt to replicate its current NITS arrangement. Southern Company will provide assistance, as needed, during this testing process.

<u>Implement NITS on OASIS in production.</u> Upon the release of the Version 2.0 NITS Templates by OATI to production OASIS, Southern Company and existing NITS customers will coordinate the creation of each NITS arrangement in the production environment.

Prior to 4/24/2016:

<u>Arrange new service using NITS on OASIS.</u> Upon completion of the NITS on OASIS implementation, existing NITS customers will utilize *NITS on OASIS* to arrange for new NITS requests. Southern Company will offer assistance throughout the implementation and details of a formal training session will be announced for Spring 2016.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact: