

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. NITS on OASIS Transition Plan

Plan Summary

Tri-State's NITS on OASIS process will enable early involvement from the Network Customers to work with Tri-State as the Transmission Provider to build NITS on OASIS environments in the demo OASIS and then in the production OASIS in the existing S&CP Version 1.5 OASIS Templates (OATI webOASIS 3.6.5), utilizing open communication, hands-on training and the Tri-State NITS business practice. Once the new version of NITS on OASIS is implemented, the Network Customers will then convert their production data into the final revision that implements the S&CP Version 2.0 NITS OASIS Templates.

Identify Customer NITS Leads

The Transmission Provider will work with the Network Customers to identify Network Customer Leads (i.e., those individuals who will be the customer's representative to work with the Transmission Provider's NITS on OASIS personnel to go into the demo OASIS environment to set up the various parts of NITS on OASIS). This will occur first in the demo OASIS and then subsequently in the production OASIS.

Acquire Access to OASIS

The Network Customer Leads will be instructed on the steps they will need to perform to gain access to OASIS with edit capability for NITS functions in both the demo and production OASIS nodes.

Determine Transmission Component

The Transmission Provider will make a determination as to which firm transmission allocation identification and control process will be used by either (1) continuing to use Transmission Service Reservations (TSRs) to denote reserved firm network and secondary network capacity, or (2) switching to a new process built into NITS known as Network Scheduling Rights.

Post Draft NITS Business Practice

The Transmission Provider will post a draft NITS business practice to be used as a test process for utilizing the demo OASIS. Discoveries from the demo process will be used to refine the business practice.

All customers on demo OASIS

All Network Customers are encouraged to test the NITS on OASIS process by going through the NITS on OASIS application on the demo OASIS. The Transmission Provider will offer assistance in the form of one-on-one training workshops and other help as requested.

Finalize new NITS Business Practice

The Transmission Provider will finalize the NITS business practice and post on OASIS with an effective date that provides enough lead time for customers to get their initial working NITS applications on the production OASIS.

All Customers on Production OASIS Version 1.5

All Network Customers will implement their NITS application processes on the production OASIS. This will be an implementation utilizing the S&CP Version 1.5 Templates. The Transmission Provider will again offer assistance in the form of one-on-one training workshops and other help as requested.

All Customers on Prod OASIS Version 2

Once OATI has upgraded OASIS and webTrans to handle S&CP Version 2.0 templates, all Network Customers will renew their implementation of their NITS application processes in the upgraded OASIS. The Transmission Provider will again offer assistance in the form of one-on-one training workshops and other help as requested.