

navigation/surf handling training, SCUBA training, ship surveillance) and Strategic Sealift Training (Elevated Causeway System Training) on the Pacific Ocean beachfront. Current bayside operations also include Warfare Training (amphibious assaults and clandestine shore assaults) and Strategic Sealift Training (ELCAS, amphibious assault bulk fuel/water systems). NAB also supports several training area users that have unique training requirements. One of the larger users is the Marine Corp's Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific. Their primary mission is to conduct warfare training courses for expeditionary and amphibious operations with emphasis on landing force operations using amphibious platforms. Current operations delineated for NRRF include inflatable landing craft, practice assault beaching and underwater navigation techniques. Current resource management strategies will continue with the habitat maintenance practice of predator control, decoy placement, beach maintenance, and coning off Western snowy plover nests on the beaches at NAB. It will also continue using the formal scheduling process for training operations.

Alternative One proposes a more integrated use of NAB and NRRF for current operations as well as the addition of new types of operations at NAB and NRRF. Under Alternative One, all 7,500 yards of beach area at NAB and NRRF would be available to support current operations. This alternative recognizes the dynamic that exists between operational uses and protection of natural resources. As the most significant natural resource issues at NAB involve nesting and foraging, location and timing of operations are critical considerations. Training operations often conflict with nesting season of growing least tern and snowy plover populations. Alternative One would provide operators with the option of training at NAB or NRRF during nesting season and would address the complete range of impacts of training at both NAB and NRRF.

Rather than a rigid matrix that pairs specific operations with a specific location, Alternative One proposes that decisions on the location of operations be based upon the ability of the location to handle a given type and level of operations at a given time of year. This would allow greater flexibility for year round use of NAB and NRRF. The following operations are included under Alternative One: Warfare Training, Strategic Sealift Training, and landing force operations currently conducted at NAB; inflatable landing craft, practice

assault beaching, and underwater navigation techniques currently conducted at NRRF; and new operations consisting of mine disabling training in San Diego Bay along the NAB shoreline; new operations consisting of ordnance disposal training and land reconnaissance exercises on the beach and within the fenced compound at NRRF.

In addition to the current habitat maintenance practice of predator control, decoy placement, beach maintenance, coning off Western snowy plover nests and using a formal scheduling procedure, Alternative One proposes to incorporate coning off California least tern nests and clearly delineating beach-crossing lanes.

Alternative Two proposes to relocate the majority of current Warfare Training, Strategic Sealift Training, and landing force operations from NAB to NRRF during nesting season. Current operations involving inflatable landing craft, practice assault beaching, and underwater navigation techniques would continue at NRRF. Alternative Two also includes: the addition of mine disabling training in San Diego Bay along the NAB shoreline, new ordnance disposal training, and land reconnaissance exercises on the beach and within the fenced compound at NRRF. Alternative Two also proposes the additional habitat maintenance practices of coning off California least tern nests and clearly delineating beach-crossing lanes, as proposed in Alternative One at NAB.

In addition to analyzing impacts on the full range of natural, biological, and cultural resources, the EIS will examine aesthetic and socioeconomic issues, management practices for California least tern and Western snowy plover nesting habitat avoidance, and management practices for the salt marsh bird's beak.

To facilitate preparation of its EIS, the Navy has initiated this scoping process. The purpose of the scoping process is to identify community concerns and local issues that should be addressed. Federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, non-governmental organizations, and interested persons are encouraged to attend scheduled scoping meetings and provide comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Scoping comments that clearly describe specific issues or topics are particularly helpful.

All comments not received at the scheduled public meetings must be in writing and must be postmarked by September 14, 2001. Comments should be mailed or faxed to: Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering

Command, Attn: Ms. Jenny Boyd, South Bay Area Focus Team, 2585 Callaghan Highway, Building 99, San Diego, CA 92136-5198, fax (619) 556-8929.

Dated: July 30, 2001.

T.J. Welsh,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Emerging Technology Deployment

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation No. DE-PS07-01ID14181.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is soliciting the submission of proposals for field testing of technologies to reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts, specifically in the Industries of the Future (IOF) industrial sectors. The objective of the solicitation is to find ways to mitigate the risk to industries of accepting and using emerging technologies developed by the IOF program. It is not the intent of DOE-ID to solicit research and development projects. At least a 50% cost share will be required.

This solicitation is commissioned on behalf of the DOE's Office of Industrial Technology (OIT) BestPractices Program, which has been established to provide integrated delivery of energy-saving products, services, and technologies to the nine IOF sectors. Additional information about the BestPractices Program can be found on the website (<http://www.oit.doe.gov/bestpractices>). The IOF industry-specific vision documents and technology roadmaps are available at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/> under individual IOF program areas.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is October 19, 2001. Awards are expected to be made on or about January 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text is available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. All applications must be submitted through the DOE e-center site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: T. Wade Hillebrant, Contract Specialist, hillebtw@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on July 24, 2001.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM95-9-014]

Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct

Issued July 26, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Order Adopting Minor Revisions to OASIS Standards And Communication Protocols Document, Version 1.4 (S&CP Document) and announcement of availability.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) adopts minor technical revisions to the Data Element Dictionary of the S&CP Document. This document is available at (See **ADDRESSES** Below).

EFFECTIVE DATE: The revisions to the Data Element Dictionary adopted in this order are to become effective on October 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the revisions are available at the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. E-Mail address: "comment.rm@ferc.fed.us".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Paul Robb (Technical Information), Office of Markets, Tariffs, and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 219-2702

Gary D. Cohen (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Before Commissioners: Curt Hébert, Jr., Chairman; William L. Massey, Linda Breathitt, Pat Wood, III and Nora Mead Brownell.

Order Adopting Minor Revisions to OASIS Standards and Communication Protocols Document, Version 1.4

In this Order, the Commission adopts minor technical revisions to the OASIS Standards and Communication Protocols Document, Version 1.4 (S&CP Document) recommended by the OASIS Standards Collaborative Group (OSC).¹

Background

On March 23, 2001, OSC submitted a list of recommended revisions to the OASIS Data Dictionary ("Appendix "A") of the S&CP Document.² OSC states that the revisions merely correct minor errors in the data dictionary.

Notice of the filing was published in the **Federal Register**,³ with comments due on or before May 18, 2001. The notice stated that the Commission contemplated adopting the recommended revisions after consideration of any comments filed. None was filed.

Discussion

The OSC recommends that the Commission make the following revisions to the Data Element Dictionary of the S&CP Document:

- The attributes CAPACITY_SCHEDULED, OLD_DATA, VALUE, and VALUE_UNITS are no longer used and should be deleted from the Data Dictionary.

- The FACILITY_NAME needs to be increased from 25 to 100 characters to accommodate the full length of the PATH_NAME data element and allow for more detailed naming standards in the future.

- The definitions for INITIATING PARTY and RESPONSIBLE PARTY should be changed to avoid confusion in interpretation. These elements identify a Control Area, Security Coordinator, etc., by their four character registered codes and do not identify a person.

- OTHER CURTAILMENT_PRIORITY should be changed to a designation of "{registered}" to reflect the requirement to register any alternative curtailment priority attributes adopted by the Transmission Provider as called for

¹ The OSC states that it formerly was known as the OASIS How Working Group.

² A summary of prior revisions to the S&CP Document is found in Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles 1996-2000 ¶ 31,106 at 31,710 (2000).

³ 66 FR 21,135 (2001).

under Standard 2.4 of the Business Practice Standards for OASIS Transactions Version 1.1.

- The attributes PROCEDURE_NAME and PROCEDURE_LEVEL should be defined either to be the NERC Transmission Loading Relief (TLR) or WSCC Un-Scheduled Flow (USF) transmission security procedures and their corresponding curtailment levels, or names and associated levels registered at tsin.com identifying local transmission security procedures implemented by the Transmission Provider.

- Identify the maximum length of the SECURITY_TYPE element and the restricted values of "OUTAGE" and "LIMIT."

- Correct the REQUEST_TYPE value for REDIRECT requests.

- The data attribute TRANSACTION_ID needs to be increased from 20 to 30 characters to accommodate the 23 character string length of the NERC Tag ID.

We agree with OSC that each of the recommended revisions to the S&CP Document's Data Element Dictionary should be made. Each of these revisions constitutes a minor technical revision and none is controversial (as shown by the complete absence of comments on the OSC proposal). To avoid confusion, we will refer to the revised Data Element Dictionary we are adopting in this order as Version 1.41.

IV. Effective Date and Congressional Notification

While the revisions to the data dictionary are minor, several of them require transmission providers to modify their computer software. To provide sufficient time for transmission providers to make the modifications, and to insure that the changes are not implemented during the summer peak period, we will make these changes effective on October 1, 2001.

The Commission has determined, with the concurrence of the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, that this order does not constitute a "major rule" within the meaning of section 351 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996. The Commission will submit this order to both houses of Congress and the Comptroller General prior to its publication in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission orders: The Data Element Dictionary of the S&CP Document is hereby revised, as shown on Attachment A to this order, for use by Transmission Providers, effective on October 1, 2001, as discussed in the