

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM95-9-003]

Open Access Same-time Information System and Standards of Conduct; Notice of Extension of Time for Filing of Revised Oasis Standards and Protocols Document and for Submittal of a Report on Oasis Phase II Requirements

July 11, 1997.

On June 27, 1997, the OASIS How Working Group (How Group) filed a letter requesting that the Commission extend the due date for submittal of a revised OASIS Standards and Protocols document.¹

Specifically, the How Group requests that we extend the due date for the revised OASIS Standards and Protocols document from June 30, 1997 to July 9, 1997 for submittal of a discussion draft, with submittal of the final document on or before August 15, 1997. The How Group's letter states that this extension is necessary because, despite diligent efforts, it has been unable to meet the June 30, 1997 due date. The How Group's letter argues that submittal of the draft report on July 9, 1997 will allow a presentation by the How Group at the Commission's July 18, 1997 Technical Conference² on major changes being proposed to the Standards and Protocols document, with completion of the final document to follow.³

The How Group also requests that we extend the due date for submittal of a report on OASIS Phase II requirements from August 4, 1997 until September 19, 1997. The How Group reports that the industry has focused substantial resources on preparing a revised OASIS Phase I Standards and Protocols document and has not made substantial progress in defining the scope of OASIS Phase II requirements. The proposed extended due date would allow the How Group, the North American Electric Reliability Council, and others to make

¹ The same letter also contains a request for clarification of the Commission's requirements on masking the identities of parties to transactions and proposes interim steps to implement on-line price negotiation and disclosure of discounts during OASIS Phase I. These requests will be addressed in a separate notice.

² See Open Access Same-time Information System and Standards of Conduct, Notice of Technical Conference and Clarification of Procedures for Developing Scheduling Requirements, 79 FERC ¶ 61,377 (June 25, 1997).

³ We note that, consistent with its proposal, the How Group submitted a draft revised Standards and Protocols document on July 9, 1997.

presentations on this subject at the July 18, 1997 Technical Conference outlining proposals for OASIS Phase II and would allow the How Group to complete a report (including a proposed scope, implementation plan, and schedule for OASIS Phase II) by September 19, 1997.

After consideration of the How Group's letter, the requested extensions of time for filing are hereby granted.

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Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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New York State Prohibition on Marine Discharges of Vessel Sewage; Receipt of Petition and Tentative Determination

Notice is hereby given that a petition was received from the State of New York on June 12, 1996, requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), pursuant to section 312(f) of Public Law 92-500, as amended by Public Law 95-217 and Public Law 100-4, (the Clean Water Act), that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the coastal waters of Mamaroneck Harbor, Village of Mamaroneck, County of Westchester, State of New York.

This petition was made by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in cooperation with the Village of Mamaroneck. Upon receipt of an affirmative determination in response to this petition, NYSDEC would completely prohibit the discharge of sewage, whether treated or not, from any vessel in Mamaroneck Harbor in accordance with section 312(f)(3) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR 140.4(a).

The Village of Mamaroneck is located in Long Island Sound. Mamaroneck Harbor encompasses numerous wetlands, marshes and mud flats including Guion Creek, Otter Creek, Salt Creek and Van Amringe Mill Pond. The proposed No-Discharge Zone would include waters not indexed lying northerly of a line drawn in a northeasterly direction from the southern tip of the sea wall at Orienta Point near the Orienta Yacht Club at the foot of Rushmore Avenue in Mamaroneck, to a point on the mainland immediately north of Spike Island at the intersection of the

shoreline and the extension of the line to the center gable of large stone and stucco residence at No. 6 Shore Road in the Greenhaven section within the City of Rye.

Information submitted by the State of New York and the Village of Mamaroneck states that there are three existing pump-out facilities available to service vessels which use Mamaroneck Harbor, and one additional facility proposed for construction. One facility is owned and operated by the Mamaroneck Municipal Marina. This facility is open continuously and charges no fee for pump-out services. It can service vessels up to 80 feet in length with up to a 8 foot draft based on the mean low water depth. A second unit is planned at this facility with the same operating schedule.

The other facilities are privately owned and charge no fee for pump-out services to patrons. They are located at Nichols Boat Yard and Boston Post Road Boat Yard. Operating hours for Nichols Boat Yard pump-out are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours, Monday through Friday and by appointment on the weekend. It can service vessels up to 40 feet in length with up to a 6 foot draft based on the mean low water depth. The other facility is located at the Boston Post Road Boat Yard and operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Length and draft restrictions are 50 feet and 5.1 feet based on mean low water depth. Within seven nautical miles of Mamaroneck Harbor are five other locations that provide pump-out facilities.

Vessel waste generated from the pump-out facilities in Mamaroneck Harbor is disposed of in the Village of Mamaroneck Waste Water Treatment Plant. This plant operates under a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

According to the State's petition, the maximum daily vessel population for the waters of Mamaroneck Harbor is approximately 1160 vessels. This estimate is based on summer weekend/holiday levels of usage and includes 1040 vessels berthed in marinas of Mamaroneck Harbor and less than 120 transient vessels in Mamaroneck Harbor.

The EPA hereby makes a tentative affirmative determination that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for Mamaroneck Harbor in the Village of Mamaroneck, New York. A final determination on this matter will be made following the 30 day period for