Due to the current Standards and Communication Protocols for OASIS, the limitation on the length of sources and sinks used on OASIS requests is 14-characters. The current SPP OASIS allows source/sinks containing more than 14-characters. To transition to the new OASIS system, any reservation that is active after June 1, 2009, that contains a source or sink of more than 14-characters, must be revised to comply with the protocol. Also, any sources or sinks currently available on the SPP OASIS that contain greater than 14-characters will no longer be valid for reservations, and must be replaced by protocol compliant source/sinks. There are several different options to comply with this new requirement:

1. If the BA prefers to use a predetermined naming convention to maintain consistency with the OASIS source/sink, tag source/sink, and SPP Market settlement location, the BA may need to revise the naming convention to allow for all source/sinks to contain 14-characters or less. These settlement location revisions must conform with the current SPP Market registration processes, which require the requested change to be submitted to SPP no later than 45 days prior to the effective date of the change.

2. A PSE/SPP Transmission Customer/BA may register through NERC TSIN a new, less than 14-character name to replace any source/sink that exceeds the limitation for use on the OASIS and/or tagging. Consistent with TSIN registered service points, this process would require approval by the BA in which the source/sink is located. Acceptable new sources and sinks that will be used in tagging must be mapped to current SPP Market registered settlement locations, as well as added to the OASIS source/sink list, mapping files, electrical equivalence table, and loss and price matrix files.

3. A PSE/SPP Transmission Customer/BA may propose the use of a non-TSIN registered source or sink that complies with the 14-character limitation for use on OASIS transmission service requests only. This unregistered source/sink must be sent to SPP to be added to the OASIS source/sink list, mapping files, electrical equivalency table, and loss and price matrix files. The need to map this source to a settlement location is not required because this new source/sink will not be used on tags; therefore does not need to be mapped to a SPP Market registered settlement location.

If you have any questions please send them to your Customer Relations Representative. Thanks and have a wonderful day.