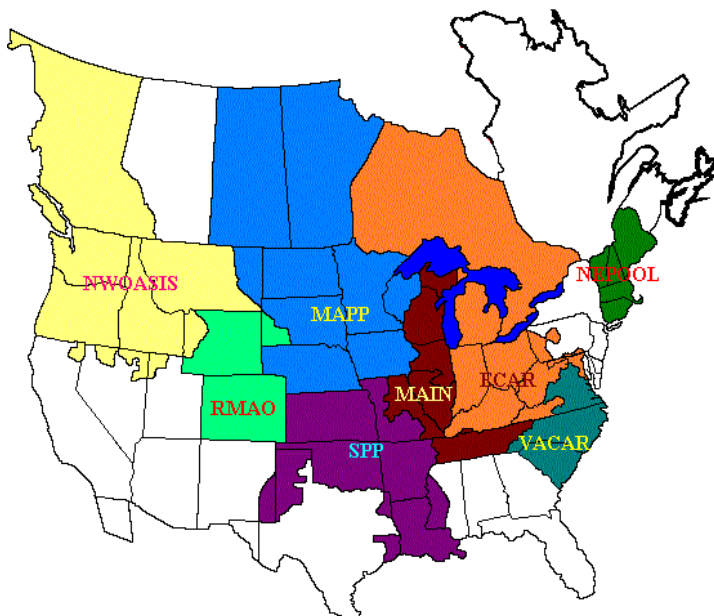


**High-performance solutions:
Cegelec ESCA OASIS on Compaq platforms**

Transmission reservation management for electric utilities

Cegelec ESCA Corporation, a major supplier of turnkey systems, products, and services to electric utility control centers, teamed with a consortium of the largest electric transmission providers to develop an open-access, FERC-compliant transmission management system for the deregulated electric utility industry. On Compaq high-performance Alpha and Intel® Windows NT™ platforms, Cegelec ESCA® OASIS™ gives transmission providers, marketers, and power generators an accurate picture of electric network capacity and availability.



Cegelec ESCA OASIS nodes serve 67 percent of the U.S. and Canada.

OASIS Highlights:

Cegelec ESCA OASIS (Open Access Same-time Information System) is North America's most widely used transmission reservation management application, developed to meet and exceed Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requirements. A real-time, Internet-based application used by electric utilities and power marketers, Cegelec ESCA OASIS is an off-the-shelf, client/server solution that runs on Compaq Alpha and Intel systems using Windows NT, Netscape™ or Microsoft® browser, and Microsoft SQL Server database software.

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OASIS (continued)

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OASIS Automation

The CORBA-based Cegelec ESCA OASIS Automation architecture enables integration of dissimilar applications running on different platforms, preserving your investments as future, FERC-mandated changes occur.

Cegelec ESCA's OASIS Automation product automates the processing of transmission reservations and energy scheduling, minimizing the staff time necessary to handle high volumes of requests.

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OASIS Automation validates each transmission request by matching it to the transmission provider's business rules.

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