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TO: Posting for Interested Parties

RE: Procedures for non-members to evaluate work products before purchasing

To support non-member access to protected NAESB work products and protect NAESB revenue stream, NAESB has obtained software recently that should allow for evaluations of the work products at no cost to the requestors. We provide this access in recognition that either: (1) non-members may need an abbreviated review of work products prior to purchase, or (2) non-members would review of standards as they prepare comments to regulated entities, although the non-members would not use the standards as they operate in the wholesale or retail natural gas or electric markets.

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- In order to evaluate the requested set of standards or final actions, there are two steps – (1) installing the PDF Secure Viewer, and (2) registering.
- Ms. Rager (drager@naesb.org, 713-356-0060) from the NAESB office can provide support in both steps.

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We hope that this product is helpful to non-members in expanding the access to the work products and providing a tool for evaluation.

¹ The order form for purchase of standards can be accessed from the NAESB web site at the following link: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf/ordrform.pdf>.
