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Subject: Pending Gas Quality Ballot

Dear Fellow NAESB Board Members,

On behalf of the Board Members listed below, we ask that you consider the following before submitting the February 11, 2004 Board of Directors' notational ballot on the Managing Committee Decision regarding the Scope of Request R03035 from Florida Power and Light addressing Gas Quality. The ballots are due to the NAESB office on Tuesday, February 17.

We are very concerned that the Board membership has not had an opportunity to discuss this very complex and important issue regarding Gas Quality. The process used by the Board Managing Committee to override the Wholesale Gas Quadrant's Executive Committee decision that the Gas Quality request was not in scope did not allow for a full discussion of this issue by the Board.

It is important that you vote "NO" to each part of the notational ballot for R03035 so that the question as to whether the Gas Quality request is in scope can be brought before the full Board at the March 18, 2004 NAESB meeting for a discussion and possible subsequent vote. Importantly, an abstention or failure to return the ballot will be counted as a ballot in favor.

Should the pending notational vote find that the request (R03035) is in scope, it does not immediately add the Gas Quality request to the Wholesale Gas Quadrant's Annual Plan for 2004. It does, however, move the Board in that direction, a course of action that could become difficult to change.

A notational vote has circumvented Board discussion of what we believe is a very complex and important issue. Please vote "NO" to each part of R03035.

Adrian Chapman - Washington Gas Light Company
Reed Horting - PECO Energy Company
Walt DeForest - National Fuel Gas Distribution
Tim Kelley - Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation and The Southern
Connecticut Gas Company
Mark Maassel - NiSource Inc.
Glen Schwalbach - Wisconsin Public Service Corporation