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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Data Interchange Standards Association Appeals Efforts

NAESB has filed an appeal with DISA, the standards organization responsible for the ASC X12 standards we use for EDI. The appeal relates to the creation of an Energy Task Force as part of the X12 Financial Subcommittee. Energy companies have through the years worked with the X12 Materials Management Subcommittee to process any X12 changes we may need to support our standards. The creation of a new task force raises concerns that it is duplicative and will require additional resources. The process used to form the task force also raised several concerns. DISA President Jerry Connors informed NAESB that the ballot to create the Energy subcommittee was nullified because of improprieties with the DISA procedures. We should receive written confirmation of this shortly, which will address the concerns in our appeal.

Monthly Update Calls - "At A Glance"

We have held four "At A Glance" conference calls with the attendance of several state commissions and federal agencies, and many of our own members. Because of the limited ability of state commission staff traveling to meetings, these one hour conference calls has provided a venue for NAESB-NARUC-Federal Agency communication on our current and planned activities. The calls are held monthly, on the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm Eastern. Anyone can call in to these one -hour updates.

Changes to the NAESB Web Site

The email distribution system on the NAESB web site, to which individuals can self select distribution lists for our subcommittees and other activities, has been heavily used. A search function is being tested and should be implemented in October.

Annual Meeting Report

The NAESB Annual meeting was held on September 16 and 17 in Austin, Texas at the Driskill Hotel. Speakers included Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell (FERC), Chairman Angel Cartegena (DC), Commissioner Stan Wise (GA), Chairman Marc Spitzer (AZ), Chairman Rebecca Klein (TX), Chairman James Kerr III (NC), Commissioner Robert Keating (MA), Former Assistant Secretary Robert Gee, former FERC Commissioners Curt Hebert, Linda Breathitt, James Hoecker, Branko Terzic, Elizabeth Moler and Michael Naeve. Other speakers include Sheila Hollis of Duane Morris, Howard Shafferman of Ballard Spahr, Barbara Mariner-Volpe of EIA, Neil Wolkoff of NYMEX, financial analyst Donato Eassey, Dr. Roach of Boston Pacific, Joshua Rokach of Balch and Bingham, and Ron McNamara of MISO. Some of our own Board and Executive Committee members will also participate as speakers or moderators.

Membership Report

The membership report is attached. Our membership began the year at 390. It has declined to 368.