

North American Energy Standards Board

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TO: Business Practices Subcommittee Chairs, Interested Industry Participants
FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director
RE: Final Minutes from the Business Practices Subcommittee Meeting, October 24, 2003
DATE: November 6, 2003

1. Administrative

Ms. Van Pelt opened the meeting and gave the anti-trust advice. Participants on the call introduced themselves. The agenda was adopted as posted.

2. Review of Business Practices Requests

R03020 National Fuel Gas Distribution Discussion only

Discussion:

Mr. Novak explained the request. He explained that during the creditworthiness discussions, we started referencing more than just FERC in our standards, i.e. other applicable regulatory agencies. Since the retail quadrants of NAESB have many applicable regulatory agencies, they came up with a catchall phrase that referred to this body of applicable regulatory authorities. Mr. Novak thought that the WGQ could take the concept implemented by the retail quadrants and create a standard that applies to the WGQ. We could come up with a generic term that might apply to more than one federal agency and that might be applicable to any equivalent agency in another country. In addition, Mr. Novak explained that there may be some point where FERC no longer has jurisdiction over some or part of our standards and that using a term to refer to an applicable regulatory authority would keep us from having to modify our standards.

It was discussed that the standards will have to be reviewed individually for determination if the new phrase is applicable.

Some parties discussed that they felt it would be better to identify the specific regulatory authority in the standards and not have a general overall standard and that with a generic standard, we may have to create exception language to put in the body of standards where the generic standard applies.

There was some confusion as to whether the "or an equivalent authority" language in the existing standards applies to other regulatory agencies in the United States or is solely intended to refer to the regulatory agencies in Canada and/or Mexico.

It was also pointed out that the retail segments have "model business practices" and not standards.

This request will be discussed at the meeting on 11/06/2003.

R03021 National Fuel Gas Distribution Discussion only

Mr. Novak explained that the request is to create a generic statement referring to all times and timelines in WGQ standards as Central Clock Time. Mr. Novak explained that the inclusion of the Central Clock Time (CCT) language is not used consistently across our standards and some times not even an individual standard. He explained that creating a generic statement would create an umbrella over all of the

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Meeting Attendees and Voting Record

Attendee	Organization	10/24/03	NAESB WGQ Member?
Pipelines:			
Kim Van Pelt	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line	√	√
Charlie Bass	ANR Pipeline	√	√
Jeff Bittel	Texas Gas	√	√
Christopher Burden	Williams Gas Pipeline	√	√
Tran Kimbel	Dominion Transmission	√	√
Bill Griffith	Colorado Interstate Gas	√	√
Paul Love	NGPL	√	√
Kathryn Burch	Texas Eastern Gas Transmission	√	√
Janie Nielsen	Kern River Gas Transmission	√	√
Services:			
Producers:			
End Users:			
Gary Hinners	Reliant Energy	√	√
Craig Chancellor	Calpine	√	√
Andy Dotterweich	Consumers Energy	√	√
LDCs:			
Mike Novak	National Fuel Gas Distribution	√	√
Craig Colombo	Dominion Resources	√	√
Dolores Chezar	KeySpan Energy	√	√
Pete Connor	NiSource	√	√
Associations:			
NAESB Office			

Bold signifies a BPS Chair

nv – not voting