Gas and Electric Coordination Task Force
Interim Status Report
(effective 3/16/04)

The Gas and Electric Coordination Task Force (GECTF) was established in December 2003 with co-chairs representing the Wholesale Gas, Wholesale Electric, Retail Gas and Retail Electric Quadrants. The mission of the task force is:

> "The Gas and Electric Coordination Task Force (GECTF) is an ad hoc task force reporting to the four quadrant Executive Committees. The GECTF is tasked with reviewing and investigating possible standards creation and/or modifications related to additional coordination of the interaction between the scheduling of electric and gas transactions."

This is an interim status report of the GECTF to advise the Executive Committees of all four NAESB quadrants of the progress to-date of the task force. Based on its mission statement, the task force developed a protocol to identify areas of opportunity to improve gas/electric scheduling and transactional coordination. Pursuant to the organizational direction provided by the four quadrant Executive Committees, the task force is developing a preliminary list of discussion points (Attachment 1) that may lead to possible standards creation or modification by the appropriate quadrant subcommittee(s). Any future development will be undertaken as determined by the Executive Committee(s). Based on the findings of the GECTF, the Executive Committee(s) may determine that some issues will require additional policy direction from the appropriate governmental and/or regulatory authority before further action can be taken.

The GECTF has met four times over seven days: three two-day meetings in person and once via conference call. The meetings were held on:

- December 16, 2003;
- January 29-30, 2004;
- February 10-11, 2004;
- March 15-16, 2004.

All of these meetings were open and posted on the NAESB website. Representatives from all four quadrants attended each of the meetings. The meeting minutes and presentations at the above-referenced meetings are contained in the attachments. An index of the attachments is provided.

Overall the GECTF has begun to bridge the gap of understanding between the electric and gas industries and has enhanced the inter-quadrant dialogue to the benefit of both. The task force's next steps will be to continue to further refine the discussion points list and to separate the issues which may require policy decisions from those issues which may be considered for additional standardization. Meetings of the GECTF are currently scheduled monthly through August 2004. All meeting dates are available on the NAESB web site (http://www.naesb.org/gas_electric_coordination.asp). The task force will issue another status report at the end of the second quarter.