

NAESB DRAFT WORKPAPER FOR AS2 POSITION

History

In a NAESB June 2003 EDM and the August 2003 EC meetings, the following 5 options were discussed regarding the issue of AS2 certification references within the NAESB WGQ manuals:

1. Continue to ignore version 12 and keep revise references in NAESB documentation
2. Contest Version 12 on the basis of its publication not following due process
3. Develop AS3 to incorporate NAESB requirements, per the IETF's Version 12 draft suggestion thus competing directly with AS2
4. Accept version 12 and revise references in NAESB documentation (change the AS2 references to version 12)
5. Define our own Energy industry standard – no AS2 certification

Current Background

The REQ/RGQ TEIS and WGQ EDM jointly are creating a new NAESB Internet Electronic Transport (NAESB Internet ET). While compiling the draft document, issues surrounding AS2 references were discussed with regard to include or to exclude the references.

It is the opinion of the joint technical teams to completely eliminate references to AS2 within the new NAESB Internet ET for the following reasons:

- NAESB WGQ EDM already has a large installed base
- NAESB Internet EDM will have an even larger installed base within the gas and retail electric industries assuming it is adopted as their approved transport
- Not enough NAESB technical subcommittee resources, and time, to generate the new Internet ET manual along with the quadrant specific EDM manuals(QEDM) **AND** pursue the anticipated extensive discussions with the IETF organization.

Action Requested

The joint technical subcommittees (WGQ EDM, RGQ/REQ TEIS) propose the following motion be made at the next EC meeting:

Adopt the WGQ EDM, RGQ/REQ TEIS joint recommendation to exclude all references to IETF AS2 in the new NAESB Internet ET manual and in the development or modification of subsequent quadrant specific EDM manuals.