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Preliminary GECTF Issues List as of February 10, 2004

Administrative/General Issues:

1. The GECTF should coordinate with the NERC GEITF to ensure that both groups are informed as to the other's progress and goals.
2. The GECTF Chairs should clarify the voting procedures to be used for the approval of the Final Issues list to be voted out of the subcommittee.

Flexibility/Planning:

3. Impact of weather and other uncontrollable factors on generation and gas load swings.
9. Discuss ways to accommodate the natural gas requirements of new generation as it comes online in various regions.
 - a. The impact on the gas infrastructure of new gas-fired generation.
 - b. The impact on the gas infrastructure of non-scheduled gas-fired generation coming on or going off without notice.
18. The implications that changes allowing more flexibility to non-firm shippers might have on the service levels and contractual rights of existing / traditional firm shippers.
19. Is there a need for new pipeline and/or LDC tariff service offerings to accommodate the need for additional scheduling flexibility?
21. Is there a need for more intraday flexibility in gas scheduling?

Timelines (Gas Day/Electric Day):

4. How does the NAESB WGQ standard gas day interact with the various power days?
5. How do the NAESB WGQ standard nominations deadlines interact with the various power deadlines?
7. Regional power timelines differ from region to region. WEQ members to provide additional information on various regions.
8. Notice requirements to be provided to pipelines / service providers by shippers (i.e., generators, LDCs, producers, marketers) of load and flow change.
10. There is one NAESB WGQ standard "gas day", there are many regional "power days" that create associated difficulties in cross-commodity standardization.
13. Distinguish between the need for changes to the NAESB WGQ Standards from the need to make adjustments to contract portfolios and/or infrastructure requirements.
15. The timing of peaking requirements is different for natural gas and power markets.
17. Additional incentives may be needed to encourage entities to diversify their contract portfolios to meet their market requirements.
20. Can the natural gas producers and marketers react to 'within the day' requirement changes?



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23. Distinguish between coordination issues that are originated by 1) true reliability issues versus 2) those caused by trading risk management practices.

Settlement:

Reliability:

11. Identify the impact of any contemplated changes on natural gas and power reliability.
22. Clarify the differences in terminology between natural gas and power (e.g., does "Firm" mean the same thing in both commodities?)

Scheduling:

12. Identify differences in the factors driving dispatch priority between natural gas and power.

Communications Protocols:

14. Discuss the need for increased and/or more formal communication protocols between natural gas and power operations / control room personnel.

Proposed deletions:

16. Discuss the possible need for policy guidance from the FERC on the issue of cost allocation for new natural gas pipeline / LDC infrastructure and new service offerings that may be necessary to support increased power scheduling flexibility.
6. Discuss the desire of certain parties to allow for cross-commodity netting in contractual arrangements.

Note: Original numbering was maintained from the January 29-30, 2004 GECTF meeting.