

**NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD**  
**Gas and Electric Coordination Task Force**  
**Report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**  
**OUTLINE OF REPORT**

**I. History of the GECTF**

*The purpose of this part of the report is to lay the groundwork for why we undertook this effort, what we were to accomplish, and equally important, what we were not to accomplish. It sets the expectations.*

- A. Why the GECTF was created and when
- B. The mission of the GECTF
  - 1. Mission itself
  - 2. Characterization of task force
    - a. scoping -- identification of possible standardization efforts, NOT development of standards
    - b. Four quadrant nature of the task force for scoping – not necessarily a four quadrant effort for standards development that results from the task force’s efforts
    - c. Leadership of the task force
  - 3. The short term nature of the task force
- C. The preparation of the interim report and its purpose

**II. What the GECTF has accomplished**

*The purpose of this part of the report is to highlight our accomplishments and their benefits. Moreover, it explains why the report does not have some items that might be expected – namely priorities and full descriptions and implications of each of the issues. By addressing these questions up front, we give answers that frame the results of the report – not as the least common denominator, but rather as letting the industry control what is most important via the request process.*

- A. Better understanding by meeting participants of the problems
- B. Characterization of the issues list
- C. The benefits of the issues list and how it can be used by the industry
- D. Why the list is not prioritized and why descriptions of the issues are not provided – the industry will identify which of these items is most important via the request development process.

**III. How the GECTF accomplished its tasks**

*The purpose of this part of the report is to show that we were deliberate in our efforts, all parts of the industry were invited and did participate, all views that were presented were considered and factored into the identification of the issues, and a balanced and fair process was used in coming to decisions.*

- A. Meetings

1. Number of meetings
  2. Openness of meetings
  3. Attendance at meetings
- B. Presentations prepared by industry sectors to further the understanding of the issues. For each presentation:
1. Topic of the presentation
  2. Who made the presentation
  3. When the presentation was made
  4. Out of these presentations, the issues were identified.
  5. Presentations were included in interim report
- C. Procedures
1. Willingness to consider all comments provided
  2. Voting procedures used

**IV. How this effort is being transferred to normal NAESB work and standards development**

*The purpose of this part of the report is to show that we are taking the next steps now that the scoping phase has concluded. We take this effort seriously, understand its impact on the industry and are not simply paying lip service. Moreover, we hope that others will review the list, as standards development is not the answer to all concerns raised – nor is it even the primary response. Some issues are regional in nature and may be addressed through specific arrangements of the parties, other may be addressed through industry trade organizations, but where the issues should be addressed through standardization, the industry will provide requests.*

- A. GECTF being disbanded, scoping activity has concluded
- B. Members and interested industry participants developing requests for standards development
- C. Listing of the requests received and characterization

**V. How we are working with other groups**

*The purpose of this part of the report is to show that we recognize that we are not the only group addressing these issues and where there are synergies between groups we intend to take advantage of them..*

- A. Commitment to work with NERC as our efforts cross
- B. Trade associations are active participants in our efforts

**VI. What we are asking the FERC, other federal agencies and state regulatory agencies to do**

*The purpose of this part of the report is note that we are not asking for any specific actions by any government agencies. We would like the list publicized so that other groups can determine if they should address specific items. We will*

*follow our own ANSI accredited procedures for those requests that we receive and will give them the importance and priority that an effort to improve coordination of the industries demands.*

- A. Nothing – let the standards development process run its course through the development of standards requests and resulting standards development
- B. We understand the importance of coordination of the two industries and any requests that are received will be given the appropriate priority and assignment of resources based on this understanding

### **MATERIALS PROVIDED WITH THE REPORT**

- Section I: Gas Electric Coordination Issues List
- Section II: Meeting Minutes Since April 5, 2004
- Section III: Participants in the GECTF Effort
- Section IV: Requests for Standards Development Related to the Coordination Issues List
- Section V. Comments Received on the Report and on the Issues Identified