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Subject: RE: Standards Publication

Mike,

Thanks for the heads up. In considering a timeline for publication of standards, especially in this transition period where new Quadrants and energy sectors are getting familiar with NAESB, it seems critical to publish to everyone -- members and non-members alike -- at the same time. Indeed, it could fairly be argued that our "Openness" principle requires us to do so. In any case, if asked, I would not be able to advise the Board or EC to publish in two stages. Looking at your timeline, this would point to publication on the date the CDs are ready for mailing.

Thanks for sharing your concerns.

Jay

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Novak [mailto:NovakM@NATFUEL.COM]
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Jay:

We are currently working on developing a time-line for publication of the next round of Gas Wholesale Standards or what will essentially be the first set of NAESB Standards. We've determined that for a July 31, 2002 publication date, if we exclude CDs and hard copies of the Standards from the list of deliverables, that we can save four weeks on the time line. The publication work-product would be available for download from the NAESB home page in a secure area that members could access on 7/31/2002. CDs & hard copies would be made available for non-members and those members that did not have access to the web site about 4 weeks after 7/31.

The number of requests for CDs and hard copies has generally, but not always, been declining in recent years as technology has become more accessible. Still, since this is a transitional year, the office thinks that there will be a higher than usual number of requests for CDs and hard copies. After speaking with Rae, we wondered if the provision of less than what we've done before but essentially a still complete set of publication materials would create problems in terms of commitments to governance documents or otherwise. Also, does the transitional nature have an impact on what we decide? In other words, we might spell out the above procedure/deliverables in NAESBops next year but have nothing/little to go by this year.

Mike