

NAESB Retail Gas Quadrant

Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee Mission

The Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the NAESB Retail Gas Quadrant (RGQ). The mission of the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee is to develop recommendations for standards and model business practices, and other recommendations regarding the working relationships between retail energy suppliers and the Local Distribution Company (or other entity similarly charged with facilitating retail access in a given service area, e.g. ERCOT in Texas) for review and determination by the NAESB Executive Committee. The focus is to develop clear recommendations that facilitate the working of the retail market and compliment similar standards and model business practices developed by the other NAESB Quadrants. This will require close cooperation/coordination with other NAESB efforts to determine working relationships between market participants.

The Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee will be responsible for the creation of proposed standards and model business practices (including data dictionaries and complementary documentation) as a result of items contained in the approved NAESB RGQ Annual Plan, Requests for Standards or other requests for action forwarded to it by the NAESB Executive Committee; to solicit input as to the source and nature of the circumstances giving rise to the Request for Standard or EC formulated request for action; and, working in conjunction with other subcommittees within the RGQ and the balance of NAESB, to develop standards, model business practices or other recommendations (with respect to the processing of such matter forwarded to it for processing) for review and determination by the NAESB Executive Committee. The Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee is primarily tasked with assessing and addressing those Requests for Standards or portions thereof involving the working relationships between retail energy suppliers and the Local Distribution Company implementing retail access in its service area. The subcommittee's initial focus is on (1) creditworthiness, (2) supplier licensing, (3) retail meter data validation, editing & estimating, (4) load profiling, (5) market participant interactions, (6) utility-supplier disputes and (7) settlement process. The Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee will utilize both Uniform Business Practices work product and other applicable documents as needed to facilitate recommended standards and model business practices.

Composition of the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee

The Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee is comprised of members of the retail gas industry interested in participating in meetings to discuss the resolution and disposition of the matters referred to the subcommittee by the EC. There is no requirement that a member of the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee be a NAESB Member.

Subcommittee Operating Procedures

The Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee will operate in conformance with the NAESB Certificate, Bylaws and established NAESBOPS (see references, below).

Meetings and Voting:

The Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee will meet on a regularly scheduled basis, initially with a preference to in-person meetings scheduled approximately every four weeks, with provisions made for conference call participation if/as appropriate. The schedule of meetings will be noticed on the NAESB home page and will be open to any participant. When votes are taken, the members of the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee are the voting members of the subcommittee. Votes with respect to Standards and recommendations are to be recorded by polling each member of the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee then present during the meeting. Members not present at the time of a vote will not have their vote counted. All votes will be recorded in the minutes. All voting is as specified in the NAESB Certificate, Bylaws, and NAESB Operating Procedures (NAESBOPS).

REFERENCES (partial)

1. NAESB Bylaws Section 10.5
2. NAESBOP document "Procedures for NAESB Executive Committee Subcommittees"