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I understand that the Executive Committee of NAESB will shortly be discussing a standardized file format for electronic data transfer between companies and Gas Measurement Systems.

Duke Energy Field Services exchanges data with a great number of companies on a monthly basis and has to deal with multiple formats and printed data. We have tried to encourage our business partners to use a standard electronic format where possible, and hope that NAESB will help with this standardization process. Manual entry of information is time consuming and open to error - both these have cost implications.

We also operate numerous type of SCADA and EFM polling packages, the data from which has to be integrated into our Measurement Databases. By having an industry standard format, our system costs will be reduced and software vendors will have greater opportunities than at present, by reducing competitive barriers.

Having looked at the trends of the software industry we have concluded that XML is an ideal format for data exchange, and would request that NAESB consider this format. It is extremely flexible, easily modified, inexpensive and is widely used throughout the world.

Sincerely

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