



## North American Energy Standards Board

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**TO:** NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) Board of Directors and Executive Committee Leadership

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, NAESB Executive Director  
James Cargas, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE:** NAESB WEQ Board of Directors and Executive Committee Leadership Meeting

**DATE:** March 17, 2004

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Dear NAESB WEQ Board and EC Members,

A WEQ Board and Executive Committee Leadership meeting was held on March 17, 2004. The meeting provided a forum for WEQ Board members and EC subcommittee leadership to discuss quadrant-specific topics in advance of the March 18, 2004 NAESB Board meeting. The following notes and assignments resulted from the meeting.

### **Board and EC Leadership Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2004**

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Notes:

- Mr. Cargas gave the antitrust warning.
- The Executive Director's report was provided by Ms. McQuade. She recognized Ms. Kiselewich, Mr. Novak and Mr. Buccigross for the role they played in rolling out NAESB's new retail model business practices at the recent NARUC Winter Meeting. The successful Advisory Council meeting on March 6 was also discussed.
- Ms. McQuade summarized the results of the new conference calling fee policy, and noted that no drop off in participation has resulted.
- Mr. Desselle initiated a discussion of Request R03035 by Florida Power & Light regarding gas quality standardization. He provided a summary of the procedural history and recent Managing Committee meeting and Board notational ballot finding all parts of the request within NAESB's scope.
- The Board will consider the request at the upcoming meeting and determine its disposition – i.e. whether the WGQ Annual Plan should be amended to include one, two or all three parts of R03035 for action in 2004. It is expected that an alternative motion may be offered by Mr. Chapman that seeks to only put part A on the Annual Plan, and then only as a provisional item. Mr. Brown corrected the record that he was not a signatory to the alternative proposal. He name was subsequently removed from the copy of the proposal on the NAESB web site.
- In a related matter, it is expected that Mr. Chapman will also offer an amendment to the by-laws that would limit the Managing Committee and Board's ability to act on issues of scope between regularly scheduled Board meetings. The amendment also makes such votes by quadrant as in EC votes. In discussion, some noted that this amendment was counter to the concept of the Board acting as a single



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body to address energy issues and their impact on the entire energy market.

- The current WEQ work load was reviewed, including: Seams Subcommittee action following the JIC meeting; participation on NERC's Policy Transition Task Force; and the interim report by the GECTF which, once finalized, will be filed at FERC.
- Correspondence from FERC Chairman Wood to the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP) regarding creation of a standard electric trading contract was reviewed and discussed. It was determined a NAESB response was appropriate.
- The need for additional staff in the NAESB Office was discussed. Many mechanisms for generating the necessary increase in funding were discussed with no satisfactory solution emerging. A task force to investigate further was created with Michael Desselle, Lou Oberski, John Anderson and Rae McQuade as members.

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#### Action Items:

- Ms. McQuade, Mr. Cargas and Mr. Cox will discuss web conferencing options with NAESB's provider to benefit specific subcommittees or specific drafting activities. The current contract price is not competitive.
- Mr. Cargas will distribute the draft minutes from the Dec. 8, 2003, and Feb. 3-4, 2004 WEQ Leadership Meetings for review and comment, with a notational vote to adopt once the changes have been received.
- The list of 37 items the JIC could not reach resolution on should be distributed to EC members and alternates with a cover letter encouraging them to identify items requiring NAESB action. Mr. Rossignoli will draft the cover letter, and Mr. Cargas will distribute it.
- A Seams Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to begin drafting requests for the 22 issues assigned to NAESB by the JIC.
- With each meeting of GECTF, electric industry participation has been increasing but additional participation is needed to ensure that the perspectives on the outstanding items are balanced.
- Mr. Anderson, Ms. McQuade, Mr. Oberski, and Mr. Desselle formed an "Alternative Funding Task Force" to investigate potential funding mechanisms to increase the NAESB staff without sacrificing the organization's independence. They will report back at the next Board meeting.
- Mr. Oberski will send his letter to the WEQ EC encouraging them to fulfill their obligations, especially with regard to the Triage Committee, all quadrant EC teleconferences, and EC meetings.



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- The next Board meeting will be June 9-10 in San Antonio, Texas and include a strategic planning session, guest speakers and golf.

Attendance:

<b>Attendee:</b>	<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Quadrant:</b>
John Anderson	ELCON	WEQ Board
Terry Boston	TVA	WEQ Board
Scott Brown	Exelon	WEQ Board
Michael Desselle	American Electric Power	WEQ Board
Peter Flynn	National Grid	WEQ Board
Art Fusco	Central Electric	WEQ Board
Joe Hartsoe	American Electric Power	WEQ Board
Tom Ingwers	Sacramento Municipal Util. Dist.	WEQ Board
Paul McCoy	Trans-Elect	WEQ Board
Charlie Severance	Wisconsin Public Service Corp.	WEQ Board
Carroll Waggoner	Sunflower Electric Power	WEQ Board
Alan Johnson	Mirant	WEQ EC
Mariam Arnaout	American Gas Association	
James Cargas	NAESB	
Phil Cox	American Electric Power	
Ed Davis	Entergy	
Andrew Dotterweich	Consumers Energy	
Barry Lawson	NRECA	
Greg Locke	North Carolina Power Agency	
Rae McQuade	NAESB	
Todd Oncken	NAESB	
Barbara Rehman	Bonneville Power Administration	
Joe Rossignoli	National Grid	
Veronica Thomason	NAESB	