



# NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL

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## Market Committee / NAESB WEQ Meeting Highlights

March 23–24, 2004  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Alliant West TLR Task Force** — The Market Committee (MC) approved the short-term recommendations of the Alliant West TLR Task Force (AWTTF) for implementation from June 1, 2004 to September 30, 2004, and requested staff to provide the AWTTF report and recommendations to all transmission providers in the Eastern Interconnection. Additionally, the MC established a working group to begin to address the long-term recommendations/issues outlined in the AWTTF report. The MC will solicit input from those interested in participating in the working group, which will look at the implications of ATC/AFC<sup>1</sup> coordination across the entire Eastern Interconnection.

**August 14<sup>th</sup> Blackout** — The MC provided comments on the drafts of the compliance templates being developed by the Compliance Template Task Force. The MC acknowledged the urgency of this work, but tabled their decision on endorsing the templates, given that the final versions would only be available when they are presented to the Board.

The MC did not receive a presentation on First Energy's (FE) response to NERC Blackout Recommendation 1a, and consequently did not take action regarding the adequacy of FE's response.

The MC assigned members to work with representatives of the committees and other organizations with primary responsibility for overseeing the implementation of several of the other NERC blackout recommendations.

**Reliability Standards** — The MC provided comments on the proposed procedures for transitioning from the existing operating policies and planning standards to Version 0 of the Reliability Standards, which would be formatted in the context of the Functional Model. The transition would also parse out the commercial related aspects of the standards and provide them to NAESB for development as complementary business practices.

**NERC / NAESB Coordination** — As an ongoing part of NERC's effort to coordinate with NAESB<sup>2</sup>, a large part of the meeting dealt with complementary NAESB WEQ activities. NAESB representatives gave the MC a status report regarding their seams catalog project, and asked NERC to participate in a joint filing that would update FERC on the seams catalog. NAESB is in the process of prioritizing the 33 seams issues that were allocated to NAESB for business practice development.

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<sup>1</sup> Available Transfer Capacity/Available Flowgate Capacity

<sup>2</sup> This meeting was the first official joint meeting of the NERC MC and representatives from the North American Energy Standards Board's (NAESB) Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ).

NAESB also provided the MC with a review of the NAESB Electronic Scheduling Subcommittee efforts related to OASIS Phase II business practices and technical standards development. The implementation of the project plan for OASIS Phase II would involve the participation of representatives from NAESB, NERC, and the ISO/RTO Council.

In response to several questions from the NAESB Standards Review Subcommittee (SRS) related to NERC proposed Standard 200 – Operate Within Limits, the Market Committee SRS/Seams Coordination Working Group (MSSCWG) suggested that NAESB consider the development of a business practice that would establish market-based Action Plan(s) designed to reduce system overloads across an Interconnection, and provide the plan(s) to NERC for review of reliability-related criteria. This effort, if it requires the development of NAESB business practices, would entail the creation of new requests for standards development.

The MC suggested that in response to SRS questions related to the NERC proposed Standard 600 – Determine Facilities Ratings, NAESB participate with the newly established MC working group that will be evaluating long-term solutions for ATC/AFC coordination.

NAESB invited NERC to participate in a review of gas/electric scheduling day procedures to help build awareness of the need for electric generators to have flexible intra-day gas nomination schedules.

**Revisions to Operating Policies 5,6, 9, and 9D** — The MC endorsed for future ballot proposed changes to Operating Policies 5,6, 9, and Appendix 9D, which are intended to be in place by June 30, 2004. The Reliability Coordinators believe these changes are necessary to provide them with clear lines of responsibility and authority, and to eliminate ambiguity between their role and that of the control areas and other operating authorities within the Reliability Coordinators' purview.