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NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD 2003 ANNUAL PLAN - WHOLESALE GAS QUADRANT

Item Description	Completion ¹	Assignment
Contracts		
1 Complete the Credit Annex for the contract for purchases and sales of natural gas ² .	2 nd Qtr 2003	Contracts Subcommittee
Electronic Delivery Mechanisms and Related Activities		
2 Preparation of documents and submission of EDM standards to ANSI for approval as ANSI standards.	4 th Qtr 2003	EDM Subcommittee
3 Explore additional possibilities for partnership with the Department of Energy.	4 th Qtr 2003	EC Officers
4 Review and enhance security standards as required by technological changes.	2 nd Qtr 2003	EDM Subcommittee
5 Review of minimum technical characteristics in Appendices C, D, and E of the EDM Manual.	2 nd Qtr 2003	EDM Subcommittee
Standards Implementation		
6 Develop Creditworthiness Standards pursuant to an Annual Plan item. Such development should be restricted to implementation of existing Commission policy, new Commission policy after it has been ordered and non-policy oriented aspects of Creditworthiness.	2 nd Qtr 2003	Business Practices Subcommittee

Provisional Activities³

Develop the Mexican Addendum to the base contract for purchase and sales of natural gas.

"Energy Day" Standard - including assessment of changes to existing NAESB standards.

Remand of FERC Order 637 Issues - (1) forward-backward haul to the same point, and (2) Right of First Refusal.

Model financial hedging agreement development⁴.

¹ Dates in the completion column are by end of the quarter for completion by the assigned committee. The dates do not necessarily mean that the standards are fully staffed so as to be implementable by the industry, and/or ratified by membership. If one item is completed earlier than planned, another item can begin earlier and possibly complete earlier than planned. There are no begin dates on the plan.

² This item may require coordination with wholesale electric quadrant as it may be related to WEQ Annual Plan item no. 5.

³ To the extent that it is determined that any of the provisional activities should be worked upon during the year as a result of a specific request for standards development or a FERC action, the Board has the discretion to modify the annual plan.

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FERC order -- Docket No. RM01-10-000 (Affiliate Order).		
Base contract for purchase and sales of natural gas – electronic contract.		
Program of Standards Maintenance & Fully Staffed Standards Work⁵		
Business Practice Requests	Ongoing	Assigned by the EC on a request by request basis
Continue review against plan for migration to ANSI ASC X12 new versions as needed and coordinate such activities with DISA.	Ongoing	ANSI (X12) Subcommittee
Information Requirements and Technical Mapping of Business Practices	Ongoing	Assigned by the EC on a request by request basis
Ongoing Interpretations for Clarifying Language Ambiguities	Ongoing	Assigned by the EC on a request by request basis
Ongoing Maintenance of Code Values and Other Technical Matters	Ongoing	Assigned by the EC on a request by request basis

- Notes: (a) Priority is given to action items that are carry-overs from the 2002 Annual Plan.
- (b) Any new activity should be preceded by a request from the submitter after which the annual plan will be revisited. The provisional items would only be addressed after a request is submitted or an order is issued by the FERC.

⁵ This work is considered routine maintenance and thus the items are not separately numbered.