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Rae McQuade, Executive Director of North American Energy Standards Board, Given Additional Title of President

HOUSTON – Rae McQuade, executive director of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB), has been given the additional title of president of NAESB by the organization's Board of Directors.

"The board wanted to endorse and reinforce Rae McQuade's position as the leader of NAESB," said Mark Maassel, chairman of the NAESB Board of Directors and president of Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

"Over the past 10 years, Rae has led NAESB and its predecessor, the Gas Industry Standards Board {GISB], to help the energy industry devise and implement business practices that allow business to be conducted smoothly and efficiently," Maassel said. "The board deeply appreciates her commitment to the NAESB process and her skills in bringing about consensus and fostering open communication."

McQuade was named executive director of GISB upon its formation in Sepetmber 1994 and became executive director of NAESB when it succeeded GISB in January 2002. From 1980 to 1994, she was employed by Tenneco Gas in industry affairs, information services and gas operations positions. Prior to that, she worked for Mobil Oil and ICI. She received bachelor of science degrees in chemistry and mathematics from the University of Texas and attended the University of Houston for graduate studies in economics.

NAESB is an independent and voluntary North American organization that develops and promotes the use of business practices and electronic communications standards for the wholesale and retail natural gas and electricity industries. Its members include over 300 companies and organizations that participate actively in the retail and wholesale natural gas and electricity markets.