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via posting

TO: Retail Structure Review Committee Members, and Interested Industry Participants
FROM: Rae McQuade, President
Laura B. Kennedy, Meeting/Project Manager
RE: Notes from the Retail Structure Review Committee Conference Call on August 9, 2006
DATE: August 10, 2006

Dear Retail Structure Review Committee Members,

A conference call of the Retail Structure Review Committee (RSRC) was held on August 9. The following notes resulted from the meeting:

- Administration:
- Ms. Kennedy read the antitrust advice.
- Review Outcome of EEI National Accounts Meeting:
- Mr. Bourbonnais attended the EEI National Accounts Meeting on July 20, 2006. Mr. Bourbonnais submitted suggested standards development items that resulted from the meeting that were posted as a work paper for this call:
<http://www.naesb.org/pdf2/rsrc080906w2.doc>.
 - Retail Gas/Electric Standard Contract: The EEI National Accounts supported the development of a standard contract but stated that it should contain boiler plate sections only, with separate addendum for state specifics and it should be as short as possible.
 - The Retail Contracts Subcommittee is working to draft a commodity neutral standard retail contract. The draft does not contemplate the attachment of an addendum for state specifics.
 - Mr. Bourbonnais will forward names of individuals who represent EEI National Accounts who volunteered to participate in the Retail Contracts Subcommittee to the NAESB office so they can be invited to the August 14th Contracts Subcommittee teleconference.
 - The EEI National Accounts also supported standardized electronic billing. It was noted that the Retail Quadrants are working to develop model business practices for Standards or model business practices for electronic retail billing transactions and bill payment transactions between customers, suppliers, and utilities. The technical pieces of these model business practices should be completed soon.
 - It was suggested that the uniform electronic transactions billing and payment model business practices be presented to the EEI National Accounts once they are completed to get their input.
 - In the past, the NAESB Advisory Council has focused on wholesale electric and gas issues. Mr. Haynes suggested the formation of a group similar to the NAESB Advisory Council made of state regulators, state commission staff, and other individuals who help to form policy that focus on retail issues. This group could advise the NAESB Retail Quadrants on current model business practice



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development and potential new areas where model business practices are needed.

Review Outcome of Discussions with Commissioners at NARUC Summer Meeting:

- Mr. Bourbonnais had the opportunity to speak with several state commissioners during the NARUC Summer meeting in San Francisco including Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Mr. Bourbonnais will follow up with these individuals in the form of a letter to see if the RSRC and NAESB can get any suggestions from Commissions.
- Ms. Kiselewich and Mr. Novak will encourage Retail Executive Committee members to contact their own state commission's staff in order to make them aware of the current activities at NAESB. They will also discuss the suggestions by the National Accounts (billing and metering standardization) to see if any of these are possible.

Develop work plan for December 2006 Board Recommendation:

- After the next retail EC meeting the RSRC will need to determine the direction of our December 2006 report to the Board based on all of the input we have received since last December.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM Central.

Next meetings

- The RSRC will meet via conference call on September 11, 2006 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Eastern.

Attendance:

Name	Organization	Participation
Bill Bourbonnais	WPS Resources Corporation	Committee Chair
Leonard Haynes	Southern Company	Committee Member
Ruth Kiselewich	Baltimore Gas and Electric	Committee Member
Mike Novak	National Fuel Gas Distribution	Committee Member
Andy Dotterweich	Consumers Energy Company	Observer
Phil Precht	Baltimore Gas and Electric	Observer
Laura Kennedy	NAESB	NAESB Staff
DeDe Kirby	NAESB	NAESB Staff