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Via US Mail and Email NAESB@NAESB.org

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Ms. Rae McQuade
Director
North American Energy Standards Board
1301 Fannin, Suite 2350
Houston, TX 77002

Re: Order No. 698: Intraday Nomination Timeline Proposals

Dear Ms. McQuade,

The Ameren utilities (AmerenUE, AmerenCILCO, AmerenCIPS, and AmerenIP) wish to make the following comments part of the record in the pending NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant's ("WGQ") discussions relating to the above referenced topic. It has come to my attention that a proposal has been sponsored that contemplates the inclusion of an additional Intraday "bumping" cycle that would afford firm capacity holders an opportunity to insure that its daily nominations can be adjusted to be more closely aligned with the evening peak demands. The Ameren utilities believe that such a proposal will enhance the value of firm capacity and the reliability of pipeline service. Moreover, additional value and flexibility will encourage the contracting of firm service and the related construction of necessary infrastructure. If interruptible shippers wish to avoid being "bumped" they have the option of entering into contracts for firm service.

Please post this to NAESB WGQ committee webpage.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Glaeser
Vice President Gas Supply & System Control
Ameren Energy Fuels and Services as affiliated agent
on behalf of Union Electric Company, Central Illinois Public
Service Company, Central Illinois Light Company and Illinois
Power Company