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FERC PROPOSES ADOPTION OF NAESB STANDARDS SUPPORTING GAS-ELECTRIC COORDINATION

Yesterday, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued a Notice of Public Rulemaking (NOPR) proposing to adopt standards developed by the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) to support coordination between the natural gas and electric markets. In the NOPR, the Commission proposes to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference the modifications to the NAESB WGQ Business Practice Standards filed with the Commission on December 3, 2024 in Docket No. RM96-1-044. NAESB initiated development of the new and revised standards subject to the NOPR in response to Recommendation 5 of the November 7, 2023 FERC, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, and Regional Entity Staff Report – Inquiry to Bulk-Power System Operations During December 2022 Winter Storm Elliott. Comments concerning the NOPR are due sixty days following its publication in the Federal Register. As noted by the Commission, “[t]he revisions to the standards would improve the reliability of the interstate natural gas infrastructure to support the bulk electric system and improve communication among gas and electric market participants to enhance situational awareness during extreme cold weather events.”

In a concurring statement, Commissioner Chang requested that stakeholders provide comments beyond those concerning the proposed standards and include feedback on areas where additional coordination may be beneficial, “...particularly regarding information-sharing along the chain of entities that physically control or have financial rights to natural gas deliveries, starting at the wellhead and ending at generators or the gas local distribution companies.” She also encouraged NAESB and industry stakeholders to continue work to further enhance information-sharing standards, “...potentially including providing information related to the natural gas scheduled by generators that are not directly connected to interstate pipelines.”

Chairman of the NAESB Board of Directors, Michael Desselle, stated that, “I am pleased that the Commission has taken action to propose the adoption of the newest iteration of NAESB standards intended to improve coordination between the two markets, and look forward to continuing actions in response to direction provided by Commissioner Chang and the Commission.”

For more information, please contact Jonathan Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (713) 356-0060.

The North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) serves as an industry forum for the development and promotion of standards which will lead to a seamless marketplace for wholesale and retail natural gas and electricity, as recognized by its customers, business community, participants, and regulatory entities. It is composed of about three hundred corporate members in the energy industry and many more non-member volunteers who contribute to the drafting and adopting of NAESB standards. To learn more about NAESB, go to www.naesb.org.
