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Via post and email

The Honorable Jon Wellinghoff
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Wellinghoff,

We follow with interest the development of smart grid technologies and applications, since these applications affect the business practices and commercial market for electricity. During NAESB's February Advisory Council meeting, this item was a focal point of discussion.

As you know, NAESB develops business practices to support the introduction of new services in the wholesale electric market, to complement the reliability standards set by the North American Electric Reliability Council, and to support the implementation of policies set by your agency. We also support similar activities in the retail electric market. At a minimum, review of our OASIS standards to reflect the technical requirements for smart grid technologies will be necessary to remove inconsistencies.

Paragraph 43 of the recently released "FERC Proposed Policy Statement of Action Plan for Smart Grid Technology," states:

"Several of the preceding paragraphs discuss the development of use cases or other standards that appear similar to business practice standards development, in order to help shape and identify the functional needs that the Institute's technical interoperability standards development process will address. Since the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) has a great deal of experience in helping the electric and natural gas industries successfully negotiate business practice standards, it may be helpful to the Institute to engage NAESB resources in the development of these use cases and other business practice-like standards. We seek comment as to whether the Institute would be helped by the incorporation of resources from other organizations such as NAESB into the development of these various business practice-like standards."

We would appreciate the opportunity to work with NIST, if you believe a collaboration would be beneficial. The successful public-private partnerships forged with your agency, the U.S. Department of Energy and NAESB, spans activities that included surety assessments, gas-electric coordination issues, and the adoption of standardized contracts -- all to the benefit of the energy marketplace -- and may be applied to the implementation of smart grid technologies.

Please let us know how NAESB may help implement smart grid technology. We value our working relationship and are grateful for your agency's commitment to public service --

With Best Regards,

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