

NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD

NAESB WGQ BUSINESS PRACTICE STANDARDS: UPDATES AND CHANGES, VERSION 3.0 WEB CAST COURSE

As you may know, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 587-W, *Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines; Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities* in Docket Nos. RM96-1-038 and RM14-2-003 on October 16, 2015. The Order revises the Commission's regulations to incorporate by reference, with certain exceptions, Version 3.0 of the NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) standards and set an April 1, 2016 implementation date. Version 3.0 was released on November 14, 2014 and introduces new and revised business practice standards. The NAESB WGQ Business Practice Standards, Version 3.0 Web Cast Course is designed to provide an overview of the updates and changes made in Version 3.0 of the NAESB Business Practice Standards for the Wholesale Gas Quadrant. The overview will include:

- A review of newly created standards and modifications to existing standards developed through the NAESB standards development process that represent key developments since the publication of Version 2.0.
- A review and explanation of the new Nomination and Scheduling timelines for coordination between the natural gas and electric industries (Gas-Electric Harmonization).
- A review of existing standards and datasets related to implementation of the Version 3.0 Standards.
- A review of standards modifications to eliminate the NAESB WGQ Interpretations.
- A review of standards modifications for maintenance purposes. These changes include the elimination of the appearance of electronic data interchange ("EDI") within the imbalance trading process, modifications to standards as the result of the addition of new data elements, and revisions for clarity and to increase user-friendliness.
- A summary of the standard modifications made to the technical documentation and data sets for the NAESB WGQ Standards. These changes were made for maintenance purposes at the request of the industry to add and/or modify data elements and code values.
- A summary of minor corrections that have been applied since Version 2.0 of the NAESB WGQ Standards.

FORMAT?

The course is an interactive web cast presentation.

WHEN?

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Central Clock Time

WHO?

This course is open to all NAESB members and nonmembers. Those who are responsible for using or implementing the standards, or who comment on the standards or ensure compliance with the standards are urged to attend.

HOW TO REGISTER?

The registration fee is \$500 per individual for attendees directly employed by a NAESB member company, and \$2,500 per individual for attendees employed by a nonmember company (includes NAESB WGQ Business Practice Standards, Version 3.0 and supporting minor corrections). To see if you are employed by a member company, please access the following link <u>https://www.naesb.org//pdf4/memstats.pdf</u>. Membership benefits (including participation

in this course at the member rate) are not extended to affiliates, partners or other related corporate entities of NAESB members.

Register on the NAESB Primers and Training Courses web page located at: https://www.naesb.org//materials/training.asp

For cancellations, a full refund will be issued to registered webinar participants who notify the NAESB Office (<u>naesb@naesb.org</u>) more than 3 business days in advance of the webinar, by July 8. For additional information or assistance in registering, please contact the NAESB office at (713) 356-0060 or <u>naesb@naesb.org</u>.