Via email and posting

May 23, 2014

**TO:** NAESB Gas-Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum Distribution List[[1]](#footnote-1)

**cc:** NAESB Board of Directors, NAESB Advisory Council

**FROM:** NAESB Office

**RE:** Announcement and PreliminaryAgenda for the NAESB Gas Electric Harmonization Forum – June 2-3, 2014 – REVISED WITH ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Dear Forum Distribution1,

Thank you for showing interest in our process and being part of the group that shapes the NAESB response to the directives of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on *Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities* issued on March 20, 2014 (Docket No. RM14-2-000). We also thank those of you that have participated in our previous meetings, the most recent being the May 22-23, 2014, in which several proposed alternative packages were considered, and we concluded the meeting by identifying through non-binding votes, four alternative packages for consideration at our upcoming June 2-3 meeting. As a recap of our other meetings, we began on April 22-23, 2014 by discussing presentations and alternatives to the FERC proposal outlined in the NOPR. We followed that meeting on May 5-6, by clarifying and considering modifications of various aspects of the alternatives presented. For the May 22-23, 2014, we discussed and modified the proposed alternative packages, and concluded that four alternative packages would be considered for final binding votes during the June 2-3 meeting. The agenda and links to work papers are part of this package. *Please note that four alternative packages for consideration and the aggregated preliminary results for the voting that took place on May 22-23, can be found in the meeting materials as part of this agenda packet.*

Our meeting for June 2-3 will be held in the same location – Hilton Americas in downtown Houston[[2]](#footnote-2) from 8 am to 5 pm C the first day (June 2), and 8 am to 2 pm C the second day (June 3). NAESB does not have a room block at the Hilton. The meeting will be available by conference call and web cast for those unable to travel. If you are going to vote, it is a requirement that you RSVP, and provide your name, company or organization represented, and the market and segment that you represent[[3]](#footnote-3), as well as contact information – email address and phone number. **To be eligible to vote and to participate on June 2-3, you must RSVP by 5:00 pm Central Thursday, May 29, and be present during the voting either in person or by phone/web cast if registered to attend by phone**. We regret that there will be no exceptions. RSVP to the NAESB office at [drager@naesb.org](mailto:drager@naesb.org), or call 713-356-0060. Again, if you plan to vote during the meeting, you must provide the following information.

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| * Participant Name: | Your voting status (Yes or No): |
| * \*Company Representing: | Phone Number: |
| * \*Quadrant Representing: | Email Address: |
| * Segment Representing: | Attending (In Person or By Phone): |

\*You can find the segment descriptions for the wholesale quadrants at:  <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>.

When you RSVP (to participate by phone or in person), you will be assessed a $100 meeting fee charge to defray the costs of holding the meetings. Any participant who is with a state or federal regulatory agency or is a representative of a consumer advocacy group is exempt from the meeting fee.

**All votes will be electronic – regardless of whether you are participating by phone or in person, so if you are participating in person, please bring a smart phone or similar device that can access the Internet so that you can receive the ballot and cast your vote.**

Please note that the lunch break during the meeting will be scheduled for more than an hour, as lunch will not be provided. Also, should you bring laptops or other electronic devices, please ensure your battery is fully charged as power strips are not available. If you need access to the Internet, please bring your air card or other similar device. Complimentary internet access is available in the lobby.

The meeting will be transcribed. Because Commission staff may be participating in or monitoring these meetings, if participants want to discuss the FPA section 206 proceedings to reform the ISO and RTO scheduling practices, we request that those discussions be held elsewhere.

As you consider whether to participate in person or by phone/web cast, please note that there will be ample time allotted to caucusing to garner support for positions, and caucusing is more effective when done in person. Logistically, doing such over the phone is difficult at best.

We look forward to receiving your RSVPs and seeing or hearing from you soon --

**NAESB GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION FORUM Meeting**

**Day 1: Monday, June 2, 2014 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Central**

**Day 2: Tuesday, June 3, 2014 – 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Central**

**Available by Phone and Web Cast, In Person Attendance Hilton Americas[[4]](#footnote-4), Houston, Texas – Room 336AB – on level 3**

**agenda – Day 1**

8:00 am 1. Administrative

* Welcome
* Antitrust Guidance
* Adoption of Agenda
* Adoption of Notes from the May 22-23 meeting

8:15 am 2. Overview of May 22-23 Meeting and the final four alternative packages[[5]](#footnote-5)

8:30 am 3. Non-binding straw poll on the four alternative packages, caucusing for negotiation of support for one or more of the four alternative packages

10:00 am 4. Discussion, caucusing and binding vote on the final four alternative packages – resulting in the elimination of one of the four packages

Noon Lunch

1:30 pm 5. Discussion, caucusing and binding vote on the remaining three alternative packages – resulting in the elimination of one of the three packages

5:00 pm Suspend For the Day

**agenda – Day 2**

8:00 am Call the meeting to order

8:00 am 6. Discussion, caucusing and binding vote on the remaining two alternative packages – resulting in the elimination of one of the two packages

11:30 am 7. Final binding vote on remaining package to determine level of consensus

Noon Lunch

1:30 pm 8. Overview of possible Board actions and reporting to the FERC

1:50 pm 9. Other Business

2:00 pm 10. Adjourn

**NAESB GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION FORUM MEETING**

**June 2-3, 2014**

**Background & Meeting Materials[[6]](#footnote-6) -- UPDATED**

June 2-3 Meeting Materials:

* NAESB GEH Forum Distribution List: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_geh_forum_distlist_2014.doc>
* Antitrust Guidance: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc>
* Notes from the May 22-23, 2014 Meeting: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh052214dm.docx>
* Four alternative packages: - <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh052214a1.docx>
* Updated May 22-23, 2014 Aggregated Voting Results: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh052214a2.docx>
* RSVP List by Last Name for June 2-3 Meeting: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_name_060214.pdf>
* RSVP List by Company for June 2-3 Meeting: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_company_060214.pdf>
* RSVP List by Quadrant and Segment for June 2-3 Meeting: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_quadrant_segment_060214.pdf>
* Board June 4 Agenda and Announcement: http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd060414a.docx

Background Materials:

* Voting Process: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w3.docx>
* Segment Descriptions: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>
* Updated Timeline: http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh\_timeline.pdf
* FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Coordination of the Scheduling Process of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities*, can be found through the following hyperlink: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2014/032014/M-1.pdf>.
* FERC NOPR Excerpts: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/excerpts_ferc_nopr_rm14_2_000.docx>
* Attendance on May 22-23, 2014: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_attendee_list_0522-2314.pdf>
* May 13 Survey: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh051314survey.docx>
* May 13 Survey Results*:* <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh051314survey_results.docx>
* Comparisons of May 5-6 proposals: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh050514a2.docx>

Presentations on April 22-23, 2014:

* Natural Gas Council Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ngc.pdf>
* ISO/RTO Council Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214iso_rto.pdf>
* INGAA Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ingaa.pdf>
* Northern Natural Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214nng.pdf>
* Washington Gas Light / Piedmont Natural Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214washgas_piedmont.pdf>; <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214washgas_piedmont_text.pdf>
* National Grid Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ngrid.pdf>
* Southern Company Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214southern.pdf>
* PG&E / SoCal Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214pge_socal.pdf>
* Hess Energy Marketing (a Direct Energy Company) Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214hess_energy_marketing.pdf>
* Desert Southwest Pipeline Stakeholders Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214dsps.pdf>
* Southwest Customer Group Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214southwest_customer_group.pdf>
* AEP Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214aep.pdf>
* Skipping Stone / Conservation Law Foundation Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214clf_skipping_stone.pdf>

1. To verify if you are part of the GEH Forum, please access the following link: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_geh_forum_distlist_2014.doc> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Hilton Americas is located in downtown Houston, Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas, 77010, Phone -- 713-739-8000. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The market and segment descriptions can be found at <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Hilton Americas is located in downtown Houston, Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas, 77010, Phone -- 713-739-8000 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The four alternative packages determined in the May 22-23 meeting can be found at <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh052214a1.docx> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Information on all NAESB activities can be found at <http://www.naesb.org>, and for GEH Forum activities at <http://www.naesb.org/naesb_geh_forum.asp>. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)