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**TO:** NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ), Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ), Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Business Practices Subcommittees (BPS) Participants, NAESB Advisory Council, NAESB Gas-Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum Participants and Interested Parties

**FROM:** NAESB

**RE:** Joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS Meeting – May 6, 2024

**DATE:** April 26, 2024

Dear NAESB WEQ/WGQ/RMQ BPS Participants, NAESB Advisory Council, NAESB GEH Forum Participants, and Interested Parties,

As discussed at the last meeting, a joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS meeting will be held Monday, May 6, 2024 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Central to continue gas-electric coordination standard development efforts. During the April 25, 2024 meeting, an overview was provided on the Joint BPS Chairs’ Scenario Based Communication Gap Analysis Work Paper. For the upcoming meeting, the co-chairs request participants review this work paper and submit for discussion comments or feedback to provide proposals and/or considerations for standards development that address the identified communications gaps leading up to and during cold weather events. Specifically, the gas-electric communication gaps identified by the work paper include: (1) lack of communication during extreme weather events of upstream supply issues, including invocations of force majeure, by parties with direct knowledge to critical stakeholders that are not part of the transactional and operational chain; (2) timely communications to all stakeholders regarding critical events impacting natural gas supply; (3) the inclusion of specific location information as part of informational postings by interstate pipelines; (4) timely communications to stakeholders regarding recovery timelines and expectations when natural gas supply is lost due to weather and/or operational disruptions; (5) timely communications of natural gas consumption that deviates from contractual commitments; and (6) improved understanding of pipeline-initiated confirmation and/or nominations reductions not captured by operational flow orders and/or underperformance notices. The Joint BPS Chairs’ Scenario Based Communication Gap Analysis Work Paper can be accessed through the following hyperlink: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps050624w1.docx>.

Additionally, the Joint BPS chairs request participants review the Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Draft Standards Work Paper and submit any comments and/or proposed revisions for subcommittee discussion. The work paper can be accessed through the following hyperlink: <https://naesb.org/member_login_check.asp?doc=weq_wgq_rmq_bps050624w3.docx>.

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All participants are encouraged to read the NAESB Antitrust and Other Meetings Policies prior to the meeting: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc>.

Best Regards,

NAESB Office

**WHOLESALE ELECTRIC QUADRANT**

**WHOLESALE GAS QUADRANT**

**RETAIL MARKETS QUADRANT**

**Joint WEQ/WGQ/RMQ Business Practices Subcommittees**

**Conference Call**

**May 6, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Central**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Welcome
* [Antitrust and Other Meeting Policies](http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc)
* Introduction of Attendees
* Adoption of Agenda
* Adoption of Meeting Minutes
1. Continue to Discuss 2024 WEQ Annual Plan Item 6 / 2024 WGQ Annual Plan Item 4 / 2024 RMQ Annual Plan Item 3 – Gas-Electric Market Coordination
* Review and Discuss Previously Submitted Comments
	+ Comments on NAESB Efforts to Enhance Situational Awareness During Extreme Cold-Weather Events submitted by Piedmont Natural Gas
* Review and Discuss Comments in Response to the Joint BPS Chairs’ Scenario Based Communication Gap Analysis Work Paper
* Review and Discuss Comments in Response to the Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Draft Standards Work Paper
* Review and Discuss Other New Comments or Work Papers
* Status Update on Work Papers Under Development
	+ LDC, End-User, and Pipeline Forecast Information Sharing Work Paper
	+ ISO/RTO and Upstream Natural Gas Parties Communication Work Paper
* Discuss Any Additional Proposals to Address Annual Plan Assignments
	+ *Review and modify the Gas / Electric Coordination Business Practice Standards and any corresponding standards to improve communication among the operators of production facilities (producers, gatherers, processors) and pipeline and storage facilities and the timely dissemination of this coordinated communication from the these facilities to and from relevant natural gas infrastructure entities, BAs, shippers, and end-use customers (i.e., Local Distribution Companies) as needed to enhance situational awareness during extreme cold weather events without endangering sensitive commercial information*
		- *Develop and/or modify business practice standards for the communication of information about operational issues (e.g. location, estimated duration of outage) to and from BAs, LDCs, and shippers in anticipation of critical notices, OFOs or force majeure notices during extreme weather*
		- *Develop and/or modify business practice standards for the communication of aggregated volume data or confirmed scheduled quantities for key upstream receipt points on the pipeline system during extreme cold weather events without endangering sensitive commercial information*
1. Identify Next Steps and Action Items
2. Discuss Future Meetings
3. Adjourn

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