January 13, 2017

via web site post and email

TO: NAESB Advisory Council and Guests, NAESB Board of Directors, NAESB Executive Committees, Interested Energy Associations and Groups

cc: NAESB Board of Directors, NAESB Executive Committee members, Executives of Interested Energy Associations and Groups

FROM: Rae McQuade, President, NAESB & Jonathan Booe, Executive Vice President & CAO, NAESB

RE: NAESB Advisory Council Meeting Agenda and Reception

Dear NAESB Advisory Council Members & Guests, NAESB Board of Directors, NAESB Executive Committee members, Executives of Interested Energy Associations and Groups:

 As you may know from other communications, NAESB will hold its annual Advisory Council meeting on **Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Eastern**.[[1]](#footnote-1) The Advisory Council meeting will be held at the **Renaissance Washington Hotel, 999 9th Street, Washington, DC**, and we hope that you can make time in your schedule to join us. As you know, the Advisory Council helps define the direction of the organization every year and has served as the origin of many of our standards development activities to date. Your input during these meetings over the years has been invaluable, and we have a number of important topics that we would like to discuss with your participation in 2017.

 Bruce Ellsworth has continued as our Chairman this year and will lead us through the meeting. The meeting will be focused on the key issues facing NAESB in 2017 and beyond, and your advice and thoughts would be greatly appreciated. Your guidance ensures that we have the right focus and level of commitment to our projects and is essential to the success of NAESB as an organization.

 A draft agenda and meeting materials will be made available and forwarded to you in the coming weeks, and they will be accessible on our web site at <http://www.naesb.org/advcom.asp>. A subsequent announcement will be made when the agenda and meeting materials are posted. Please let us know if there are specific topics that you believe would be beneficial to discuss.

 At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman will direct us to the reception/buffet – where you can relax, enjoy refreshments, and visit. If you would like to include your spouse or a colleague as additional guests for this reception, by all means, do so. Other NARUC meetings end at the same time as our council meeting, and we are typically joined by several other state commissioners and staff who were unable to drop in to our Advisory Council meeting. We look forward to hosting these additional invitees.

 For clarification, please note that while this event is held in the same hotel as many of NARUC’s winter session events, and is held coincident with the winter session, it is not sponsored by NARUC nor is it a part of the NARUC Winter Committee Meetings agenda. That said, if you are considering attending the NARUC meeting, let me urge you to do so. It is a wonderful forum, one of the most important of the year for candid discussion of energy market issues, and highlights topics of importance to us all.

 As always, we look forward to seeing you –

With Best Regards,

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| Rae McQuade, NAESB President |  | Jonathan Booe, Executive Vice President and CAO |

**2017 Advisory Council**

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1. Please RSVP your intent to attend to Veronica Thomason (vthomason@naesb.org, 713-356-0060) at your earliest convenience. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)