##### February 15, 2016

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: Retail Net Metering Activities Update**

**Update on Retail Net Metering Activities –**

On February 24, 2016, the Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Executive Committee will consider a recommendation developed by the RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) to address 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 1.a and 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 3.a.i – RXQ.11 Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent (Book 11). Voted out of subcommittee on January 20, 2016, the recommendation updates the existing Book 11 and incorporates model business practices that facilitate Retail Net Metering. The recommendation was posted for a thirty day formal industry comment period which concluded on February 18, 2016. The Book 11 recommendation serves as a lynchpin for Version 3.1 of the NAESB RMQ Model Business Practices, scheduled to be published in the first quarter of 2016. It is important to note that the variety of net metering implementations and policies led to a limited scope for the NAESB Retail Net Metering effort – the model business practices seek to provide metering data required by market participants in competitive energy markets in jurisdictions where their charges to retail customers account for Retail Net Metering arrangements.

A quick glance at the 2015 and 2016 RMQ Annual Plans reveals that the Retail Net Metering development effort affects four retail books: RXQ.3 – Billing and Payments in Competitive Energy Markets Model Business Practices (Book 3); RXQ.8 – Retail Customer Information Model Business Practices (Book 8), RXQ.10 – Retail Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Model Business Practices (Book 10); and RXQ.11 Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent Model Business Practices (Book 11). The RMQ Executive Committee has approved, and the NAESB membership has ratified, the related modifications to Books 3, 8, and 10. If approved during the February RMQ Executive Committee meeting, Book 11 will also be posted for member ratification.

In order to support the Retail Net Metering model business practices discussed above, the RMQ Information Requirements and Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee (IR/TEIS) is working to develop data dictionaries and technical implementation as part of 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Item 4. The IR/TEIS recommendation for the technical implementation and data dictionaries in Book 3 was ratified by the NAESB membership on September 18, 2015. Currently, the subcommittee anticipates that the technical counterparts of Book 8 will be voted out during its February 24, 2016 face-to-face meeting hosted by Salt River Project in Phoenix, AZ. Looking ahead, the IR/TEIS anticipates completing the technical implementation for Book 10 and Book 11 within 2016.

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the RMQ IR/TEIS meetings. If you know someone who may be interested in the RMQ IR/TEIS, please have them contact the NAESB office at (713)356-0060.