##### April 6, 2020

**TO:** All Interested Parties

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

**RE: WEQ OASIS Subcommittee Update**

In 2007, FERC issued Order No. 890, an order that sought to strengthen the pro forma open-access transmission tariff, ensure a remedy to and reduce opportunities for undue discrimination, and increase transparency on the transmission system, among other goals. In order to respond to the directives in the monumental order, the wholesale electric industry, through NAESB, developed approximately forty-seven recommendations. This March, the last recommendation to address FERC Order No. 890 was ratified by the NAESB membership and included in the March 30, 2020 publication of the Version 003.3 WEQ Business Practice Standards. The last recommendation addresses Paragraph 1627 of the order wherein the Commission required “transmission providers, working through NAESB, to develop a detailed template for the posting of additional information on OASIS regarding firm transmission curtailments.” Over the course of nineteen meetings, the WEQ BPS and WEQ OASIS Subcommittee worked together to complete the standards development effort and the recommendation was adopted by the WEQ Executive Committee in February.

Also included in the Version 003.3 publication, are two WEQ OASIS Subcommittee recommendations that were approved by the WEQ Executive Committee during its February meeting and ratified by NAESB membership on March 20, 2020. The first recommendation revised standards addressing Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS). The modifications were based on implementation and operational experience since the industry adoption of the NITS-related standards. The second recommendation was developed jointly by the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee and the WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee to address recommendations from the Sandia surety assessment report. The recommendation modifies WEQ-001 and WEQ-002 within the WEQ OASIS Business Practice Standards and seeks to align security requirements with industry cybersecurity best practices, among other goals.

NAESB filed Version 003.3 with the Commission on the same day of publication – March 30, 2020. As you may know, Version 003.2 of the WEQ Business Practice Standards was recently incorporated by reference into the FERC regulations through FERC Order No. 676-I issued on February 4, 2020.

In order to complete the remaining items on the 2020 WEQ Annual Plan and to address any submitted industry standards requests, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee will continue to hold monthly conference calls. During the April 14-16, 2020 conference call, the subcommittee will discuss and possibly vote on a no action recommendation to address 2020 WEQ Annual Plan Item 3.c, an annual plan item that calls for the development of standards for expanding the concept of generation groups within OASIS. Additionally, the subcommittee will continue to discuss standards to allow the transmission provider to document any MW limitation on serving total loads as firm under the NITS Application at specific locations. Standards Request R20003 will also be considered during the April call. Submitted by OATI, R20003 asks the subcommittee participants to review the WEQ-001-9 and WEQ-001-10 redirect standards in response to FERC Order No. 676-I. In Paragraph 35 of FERC Order No. 676-I, the Commission stated that it will “…incorporate by reference the WEQ-001-9 and WEQ-001-10 standards with the exception of the text contained in the preambles to WEQ-001-9 and WEQ 001-10, which appear to allow transmission providers to adopt alternative procedures for redirects from conditional parent reservations.” As always, all interested parties are welcome to participate in the upcoming WEQ OASIS Subcommittee conference call.