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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: WEQ/WGQ eForms Effort Update**

On March 24 – 26, 2020, Commission staff hosted a technical conference regarding the FERC eForms Refresh effort. NAESB staff was invited by Commission staff to participate in the technical conference and provide a presentation. The presentation provided an overview of NAESB as well as gave a history of the WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee and highlighted the contributions of the subcommittee to the eForms Refresh effort. As you know, the WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee served as an industry forum to gauge consensus on a number of foundational elements for the effort and enjoyed broad participation by the industry, including both form filers and software vendors, as well as FERC staff. Over the course of nineteen meetings, the subcommittee participants addressed a variety of areas and provided input regarding a number of topics, from the form filing format and submittal process to minute details critical to usability, such as the formatting of effort messages and data validations. The subcommittee developed a sample document to identify consensus industry positions on these topics to assist in the develop of a schema, with the consensus and feedback from the subcommittee providing insights that served as the building blocks for Commission determinations in FERC Order No. 859 *Revisions to the Filing Process for Commission Forms.*

During the technical conference, Commission staff thanked NAESB for its contributions to the eForms Refresh effort, and it was suggested that NAESB could serve as a resource to connect regulated entities that will be required to utilize the new XBRL filing format with potential software providers/services vendors. To assist with this, NAESB has made available on its website a [list](https://naesb.org/pdf4/potential_ferc_fsv_2020.pdf) of vendors that have notified NAESB of their intent to provide software solutions or services to assist the industry in the filing of certain FERC Forms consistent with the FERC eForms Refresh and FERC Order No. 859 *Revisions to the Filing Process for Commission Forms*. NAESB staff continues to remain in contact with FERC staff regarding any support the organization can provide as the Commission moves forward with the next steps.

On June 20, 2019, the Commission issued Order No. 859 *Revisions to the Filing Process for Commission Forms*. Confirming the proposal in the NOPR, the order stated that the Commission would be transitioning to the XBRL file format for FERC Forms 1, 1-F, 2, 2-A, 3-Q electric, 3-Q natural gas, 6, 6-Q, 60, and 714. In the Order, the Commission also recognized the contributions of NAESB to the eForms Refersh effort. In 2015, NAESB established the WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee in response to the Commission’s April 16, 2015 *Order Instituting Proceeding to Develop Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms* in Docket No. AD15-11-000. Since that time, the subcommittee has held numerous meetings to discuss the project and solicit input from the industry regarding various topics. NAESB staff continues to coordinate with FERC staff regarding this effort and NAESB involvement as the Commission moves forward.