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**TO:** All Interested Parties

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**RE: Retail Net Metering Activities Update**

**Update on Retail Net Metering Activities –**

The Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Information Requirements and Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee (IR/TEIS) and the RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) continues to develop Model Business Practices and technical implementation under 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Item 4. Due to the variety of net metering implementations and policies, the scope of the effort is limited to providing metering data required by Market Participants in competitive energy markets in jurisdictions where their charges to certain Retail Customers must account for Retail Net Metering arrangements. The first quarter of 2016 publication date for the next RMQ publication, Version 3.1, is contingent upon the completion of the Retail Net Metering Standards.

The subcommittee set out in Book 3 to define “Retail Net Metering” to reflect the limited scope of the Model Business Practices. Next, the subcommittee identified four scenarios that will be addressed in each of the relevant RMQ books: (1) The data is recorded by a single, scalar meter that spins backwards and forwards yielding only a net amount; (2) The data is recorded by a single meter or multiple meters capable of measuring both Retail Customer usage and the energy generated by the Retail Customer, and the metering data is at the summary level; (3) The data is recorded by a single meter or multiple meters capable of measuring both Retail Customer usage and the energy generated by the Retail Customer, and the metering data is being provided at the net interval level; and (4)The data is recorded by a single meter or multiple meters capable of measuring both Retail Customer usage and the energy generated by the Retail Customer, and the metering data is being provided at the detailed interval level.

On September 18, 2015, the NAESB Membership ratified the Model Business Practices for Book 10 – Retail Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Model Business Practices. The Retail BPS is currently working on modifications and accompanying process flows for Book 11 – Retail Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent Model Business Practices. The subcommittee anticipates that the modifications to Book 11 will be completed by the close of 2015. The related modifications to Book 3 – Billing and Payments in Competitive Energy Markets Model Business Practices and Book 8 – Retail Customer Information Model Business Practices, have been approved and ratified by the NAESB membership. The next RMQ BPS face-to-face meeting will be hosted by Dominion in Richmond, VA on October 19-20, 2015. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

In order to complete the full staffing process for 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Item 4, the RMQ IR/TEIS will develop Data Dictionaries and technical implementation to support the Retail Net Metering Model Business Practices discussed above. The subcommittee has completed the recommendation for Book 3 and anticipates that the technical implementations for Book 8 will be completed by the fourth quarter of 2015. The NAESB full staffing process is utilized when there are interdependencies in the development of Model Business Practices that would require an iterative approach. For example, when it is impractical to implement the Model Business Practices without the completed supporting technical standards. The completion date for the technical implementation of Books 10 and 11 are dependent upon the completion date of the associated Model Business Practices. The RMQ IR/TEIS will hold a face-to-face meeting on October 21, 2015 hosted by Dominion in Richmond, VA. During the meeting, the subcommittee will continue to discuss 2015 Annual Plan Item 1.b – Technical Implementation for Book 8 – Customer Information. Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the RMQ IR/TEIS meetings.