##### November 25, 2014

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, NAESB Staff Attorney

**RE: Update to the Board of Directors –WEQ Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) Subcommittee**

**Update on the WEQ OASIS Activities –**

The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is currently modifying NAESB Business Practice Standards WEQ-001-9.5, WEQ-001-10.5, and related standards in response to FERC Order No. 676-H and direction from the WEQ Executive Committee. FERC Order No. 676-H was issued on September 18, 2014 and incorporated by reference, with certain exceptions, the NAESB WEQ Business Practice Standards Version 003. In paragraph 49 of the Order, the Commission stated that in order to “ensure that the NAESB standards conform to the Commission’s *Dynegy* policy, we request that NAESB revise Standards WEQ-001-9.5, WEQ-001-10.5, and any other standards affected by these standards …we request that NAESB make this project a priority.”

During its October 21, 2014 meeting, the WEQ Executive Committee directed the OASIS Subcommittee to postpone work on the preemption and competition standards development effort in order to focus on the priority modifications to WEQ-001. The OASIS subcommittee began addressing the modifications during its October face-to-face meeting. In the Dynegy Order,the Commission set forth the policy that a transmission customer does not lose its rights to its original path until the redirect request satisfies three requirements: (1) it is accepted by the Transmission Provider; (2) it is confirmed by the transmission customer; and (3) it passes the conditional reservation deadline under section 13.2. The subcommittee will develop a recommendation modifying WEQ-001-10.5, WEQ-001-9.5, and related standards to ensure that the standards reflect the Commission’s policy.

During the November face-to-face meeting hosted by Entergy in New Orleans, LA, the subcommittee reviewed several FERC Orders and focused on developing a work paper and motions document to support the development of a draft recommendation. The completion of the annual plan item will propose modifications to WEQ-000 – Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Definition of Terms, WEQ-001 – Open Access Same-Time Information Systems, and WEQ-013 – Open Access Same-Time Information Systems Implementation Guide. Upon completion of the annual plan item, the subcommittee will return to formalizing the preemption and competition processes on the OASIS system. The completion date for the preemption and competition efforts now falls within 2015. The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee has scheduled its next conference calls for December 2, 2014 and January 8, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Central.