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Paul and Roy,

The WEQ Standards Review Subcommittee held its monthly conference call. A standing item for the subcommittee is to review recent NERC activity to determine where there is a potential for the NERC activity to have an impact on the NAESB Business Practice Standards. If the SRS sees there is the potential, we notify the subcommittee chairs that could be impacted by the change and then leave it up to them to make the final determination as to whether changes should be considered for the standards that fall within their subcommittee.

NERC has a **Project 2010-16** — [Definition of System Operator](#) in which they are looking to revise its definition of System Operator. When the SRS looked at the latest NERC proposed definition and the NAESB proposed definition from the October 22nd DSM/EE Joint Wholesale DR Work Group, Retail DR Work Group and Retail Glossary Subcommittee conference call we identified a couple of differences. (See attached.) One key item is that the NERC definition refers to “an individual at a control center (Balancing Authority, Transmission Operator, or Reliability Coordinator)” while the NAESB definition refers to the “Balancing Authority, Transmission Operator or Reliability Coordinator” rather than an individual. Another difference is the reference to “the electric system” rather than “an electric system.” From the NERC changes one might think the reference is to the entire electric system while the NAESB definition could be referencing a subset of the entire electric system.

Let Narinder and me know if you need any additional information from the SRS. We'll leave it up to you to decide whether these differences are appropriate between the NERC and NAESB definitions or if the DSM/EE wants to make changes to the definition of System Operator.

Regards,

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