| **NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD2011 Annual Plan for the Wholesale Gas Quadrant Executive Committee****As Approved by the Board of Directors on 12-8-11** |
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| **Item Description** | **Completion[[1]](#endnote-1)** | **Assignment[[2]](#endnote-2)** |
| **1. Reorganize Standards Manuals for Ease of Use[[3]](#endnote-3)** |
|  | a. | Develop a separate WGQ manual specifically for Informational Postings standards or, alternatively, add the Informational Postings standards to the Additional Standards manual to provide ease in implementation. ([Reorganize Standards Request](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan102010w2.doc))Status: Underway | 1st Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
|  | b. | Continue reordering of standards by topic and as future standards are added, standards continue to be ordered in topic format. Status: Not Started | 2012 | IR/Technical |
| **2. Sample Paper Review** 3 |
|  | a. | Plan for the Review and Update Sample Papers and ASc X12 Samples for all data sets with the exception of the Offer – Standard No. 5.4.z1, Bid - Standard No. 5.4.z2, Award Download - Standard No. 5.4.z3 and the Operational Capacity - Standard No. 0.4.z1 and Unsubscribed Capacity - Standard No. 0.4.z2 data sets in Capacity Release to ensure consistency with the related data dictionaries. ([Sample Paper Review Request](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan102010w3.doc))Status: Complete | 2nd Q, 2011 | IR/Technical  |
|  | b. | Execute Plan to Review and Update Sample Papers and ASC X12 Samples for all data sets with the exception of the Offer – Standard No. 5.4.z1, Bid - Standard No. 5.4.z2, Award Download - Standard No. 5.4.z3 and the Operational Capacity - Standard No. 0.4.z1 and Unsubscribed Capacity - Standard No. 0.4.z2 data sets in Capacity Release to ensure consistency with the related data dictionaries. Status: Underway | 2nd Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
| **3. Development of EBB Code Values3** |
|  | a. | Plan for the review of code values and code value descriptions in all data sets to make them easier to understand on the TSPs’ EBB web sites. ([EBB Code Request](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan102010w4.doc))Status: Complete | 2nd Q, 2011 | IR/Technical |
|  | b. | Execute the plan for the review code values and code value descriptions in all data sets to make them easier to understand on the TSPs’ EBB web sites. Status: Underway | 4th Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
| **4. Development of Error Code Standards3** |
|  | a. | Plan for the development of meaningful error code values in all data sets to make them easier to understand on the TSPs’ EBB web sites as compared to the X12 DISA error codes. ([Error Code Request](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan102010w1.doc))Status: Complete | 3rd Q, 2011 | IR/Technical |
|  | b. | Execute the plan for the development of meaningful error code values in all data sets to make them easier to understand on the TSPs’ EBB web sites as compared to the X12 DISA error codes. Status: Underway | 4th Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
| **5. Electronic Delivery Mechanisms** |
|  | Review minimum technical characteristics in Appendices B, C, and D of the WGQ QEDM Manual, and make changes as appropriate. Status: Not Started | 2nd Q, 2012 | EDM |
| **6. NAESB Base Contract Review and Update** |
|  | Review typical industry Special Provisions to the NAESB Base Contract for consideration to be integrated into the NAESB Base Contract. Review is to include corresponding updates to other related documents (e.g. Canadian Addendum, ISDA Amendment and Model Credit Support Addendum and Frequently Asked Questions) |
|  | a. | NAESB Base Contract review and updateStatus: Complete | 3rd Q, 2011 | Contracts Subcommittee |
|  | b. | Canadian Addendum, ISDA Amendment, Model Credit Support Addendum and Frequently Ask Questions review and updateStatus: Complete | 3rd Q, 2011 | Contracts Subcommittee |
| **7. Common Codes** |
|  | a. | Determine if location common codes as formulated are needed.Status: Complete | 3rd Q, 2011 | BPS |
|  | b. | Modify standards for the removal of location common code from NAESB WGQ standards.Status: Underway | 2nd Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
| **8. Changes to the WGQ Standards to support consistency with Retail and WEQ Activities** |
|  | a. | Review and determine if changes to the Internet Electronic Transport Manual related to the trading partner agreement are needed, and make appropriate changes consistent with Annual Plan Item 10 of the Retail 2011 Annual PlanStatus: Complete | 4th Q, 2011 | Contracts Subcommittee and EDM Subcommittee |
| **9. Session Encryption** |
|  | a. | Investigate and determine if changes to standards are needed to support adequate session encryption (SSL/TLS issues [**US-Cert Vulnerability Note VU#864643**](http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/864643)**)**Status: Not Started | 1st Q, 2012 | EDM |
|  | b. | Modify or develop standards as needed to apply the analysis of the above item (9a) Status: Not Started | 2nd Q, 2012 | EDM |
| **10. Capacity Release Program** |
|  | Review NAESB WGQ Standard No. 5.3.2 and modify as necessaryStatus: Not Started. | 2nd Q, 2012 | BPS |
| **11. Usage designation for data (NAESB WGQ Standard No. 1.2.2)** |  |  |
|  | a. | Investigate and determine if the designation of “sender’s business conditional” usage for data and the use of defaults for mandatory usage would be appropriate on a prospective basis Status: Underway | 1st Q, 2012 | BPS |
|  | b. | Modify NAESB standards as needed to apply the analysis of the above item (10a) Status: Not Started | Date dependent on Annual Plan Item 10a. | BPS |
| **Program of Standards Maintenance & Fully Staffed Standards Work** |

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|  | Business Practice Requests  | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC[[4]](#endnote-4) |
|  | Continue review against plan for migration to ANSI ASC X12 new versions as needed and coordinate such activities with DISA. | Ongoing | ANSI X12 Subcommittee |
|  | Information Requirements and Technical Mapping of Business Practices | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Interpretations for Clarifying Language Ambiguities  | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Maintenance of Code Values and Other Technical Matters | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Maintenance of eTariff Standards | As Requested | Assigned by the EC3 |
| **Provisional Activities** |
| 1. | Review and develop standards as needed related to [Docket No. RM11-1-000](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc102110.doc), Capacity Transfers on Intrastate Natural Gas Pipelines (Notice of Inquiry issued on October 21, 2010). |
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**Wholesale Gas Quadrant**

**Executive Committee (WGQ EC)**

**Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS)**

**Contracts Subcommittee**

**Information Requirements Subcommittee (IR)**

**Technical Subcommittee**

**Electronic Delivery Mechanism Subcommittee (EDM)**

**Technical**

**Implementation**

**Task Forces & Working Groups**

**Practices**

**Development**

The translation of business practices to usable uniform business transactions is accomplished through the definition of information requirements for the data, and mapping of that data into specific electronic transactions. This translation is performed by IR and Technical subcommittees and completes the standards development process, often referred to as “full staffing.” Both IR and Technical work in tandem to complete this crucial technical implementation activity. Until these steps have been completed, the process is incomplete, and in many cases, the business practices cannot be used.

**Interpretations Subcommittee**

**NAESB 2011 WGQ EC and Subcommittee Leadership:**

Executive Committee: Jim Buccigross, Chair and Dale Davis, Vice-Chair

Business Practices Subcommittee: Kim Van Pelt, Lori Lynn Pennock, and Richard Smith

Information Requirements Subcommittee: Dale Davis

Technical Subcommittee: Mike Stender, Kim Van Pelt

Contracts Subcommittee: Keith Sappenfield

Electronic Delivery Mechanism Subcommittee: Leigh Spangler

Interpretations Subcommittee: Paul Love

1. **End Notes, WGQ 2011 Annual Plan:**

 Dates in the completion column are by end of the quarter for completion by the assigned committee. The dates do not necessarily mean that the standards are fully staffed to be implementable by the industry, and/or ratified by membership. If one item is completed earlier than planned, another item can begin earlier and possibly complete earlier than planned. There are no begin dates on the plan. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. The assignments are abbreviated. The abbreviations and committee structure can be found at the end of the annual plan document. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. As business issues are presented to the Information Requirements Subcommittee and Technical Subcommittee, those business issues will be given precedence over WGQ 2011 Annual Plan Item Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. The EC assigns maintenance of existing standards on a request-by-request basis. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)