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Standards for Posting Gas Quality Information Approved by Wholesale Gas Quadrant Executive Committee; Membership Ratification Next Step

HOUSTON – Standards for the posting of gas quality data on the web sites maintained by transportation service providers (TSPs) have been approved by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) Executive Committee of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB).

The standards now go to the NAESB membership for ratification.

Earlier this year, Florida Power & Light Co. submitted a three-part request for standards on gas quality. The standards approved by the Executive Committee are the first part of that request.

Under the standards, TSPs would provide a link to the natural gas quality provisions of their tariffs, or a simple reference guide to such information. TSPs would also post daily average gas quality information for prior gas days, to the extent available, for locations that are representative of mainline gas flow.

WGQ Executive Committee Chairman Jim Buccigross, vice president of 8760 Inc., said, "The fact that the gas quality reporting standards were approved in such a timely manner is a great testimonial to the NAESB standards-setting process. This was a real team effort."

WGQ Executive Committee member Michael Novak, assistant general manager of National Fuel Gas Corp. and vice chairman of the Retail Gas Quadrant Executive Committee, said, "This was a small but good first step for the industry on the gas quality issue. In addition to its value as operating data, providing this type of information could provide some practical value to the regulatory process."

NAESB, formed in January 2002, is an independent and voluntary North American organization that develops and promotes the use of business practices and electronic communications standards for the wholesale and retail natural gas and electricity industries. NAESB is the successor to and is modeled after the Gas Industry Standards Board, which was established in 1994 and now constitutes the wholesale gas quadrant of NAESB. NAESB's members include over 300 companies and organizations that participate actively in the retail and wholesale natural gas and electricity markets.

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