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### **NAESB TO ADDRESS BATTERY STORAGE/DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES AND RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS IN 2021**

During its December 2020 meeting, the NAESB Board of Directors took action to initiate two new standards development efforts to support the integration of battery storage and, more broadly, distributed energy resources in the wholesale electric market as well as the sale and purchase of renewable natural gas through the development of a standardized contract for the wholesale gas market. Discussions concerning the standards development efforts were initiated in 2020 through the recommendations of the NAESB Advisory Council and were further explored in response to the results of the industry-wide 2020 NAESB Standards Development Survey distributed in June of last year. Standards development related to battery storage and distributed energy resources is intended to support the industry's response to FERC Order Nos. 841 and 2222 and will focus on the information and reporting requirements of qualified entities participating in the wholesale market, while the effort related to renewable natural gas will look to expand upon the adoption of the NAESB Base Contract for Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas in the wholesale gas market.

Michael Desselle, Chairman of the NAESB Board of Directors, stated that "NAESB has always been a forward-looking organization with a mission to support regulatory decisions and industry initiatives through the development of business practice standards that facilitate fair and cost-effective market implementation. With the Commission's goal of empowering new technologies and encouraging competition in the wholesale electric market through FERC Order No. 2222, and the industry's focus on the sustainable production of our nation's natural gas, these two standards development activities are timely and well suited for action by NAESB."

As with all NAESB efforts, participation in the standards development activities is open to all interested parties and strongly encouraged. The NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant Contracts Subcommittee has scheduled a virtual kick-off meeting on February 23, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Central to begin discussions concerning the development of a renewable natural gas contract, and the NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant Business Practice Subcommittee has scheduled its first virtual meeting concerning battery storage and distributed energy resources on February 25, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Central.

For more information, including information on how to participate in these efforts, please contact Jonathan Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, (713) 356-0060.

*The North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) serves as an industry forum for the development and promotion of standards which will lead to a seamless marketplace for wholesale and retail natural gas and electricity, as recognized by its customers, business community, participants, and regulatory entities. It is composed of three hundred corporate members in the energy industry and many more non-member volunteers who contribute to the drafting and adopting of NAESB standards. To learn more about NAESB, go to [www.naesb.org](http://www.naesb.org).*