Board Resolution: Mr. Cleveland stated that the Managing Committee met prior to the board meeting to provide guidance to Executive Committee members on how to best manage formal comments. Ms. McQuade provided the context for the resolution. NAESB’s smart grid efforts include a large number of groups that are new to the NAESB process. The work products being created by the task force will represent WEQ and REQ market requirements that can also support the work other groups are currently drafting. The standards developed by NAESB are considered seed standards that these other groups can use to develop their work product. The Board Resolution stated:

**WHEREAS**

The NAESB Smart Grid Standards Subcommittees include participation and leadership from many standards groups who will depend on NAESB work products as they proceed in their own efforts, and

NAESB standards developed to support Smart Grid activity should strive, where feasible, to be consistent for both the wholesale and retail electric market applications, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

the Board of Directors determines that the Smart Grid standards developed by the wholesale and retail electric executive committees should strive to be consistent in all areas excepting where there are substantive jurisdictional differences,

the Board of Directors urges the wholesale and retail electric executive committees to show great deference to the work products provided by the Smart Grid Standards Subcommittees, and provide explanations when substantively deviating from the subcommittee recommendations for standards, and

for the phase 1 Priority Action Plans 3, 4 and 9 smart grid standards recently adopted, the Board of Directors requests the wholesale electric executive committee to reconsider the changes made by the executive committee to the subcommittee work products in light of this resolution and make changes accordingly, and

the Board of Directors considers that participants need sufficient time to consider comments prior to taking action; thus, henceforth all comments shall be provided to meeting participants at least three business days in advance of the meeting at which they will be discussed, absent compelling reason(s). It shall be the responsibility of any party filing late comments to demonstrate such compelling reason(s). The committee members, by balanced segment vote, shall determine whether to consider such late comments at that meeting.

The rule will carry forward to all future joint recommendations for consistency measures and all recommendations for timing of submittal of comments. The board resolution passed unanimously.