

**Request for Initiation of a NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions or
Request for Enhancement of a NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions**

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North American Energy Standards Board

**Request for Initiation of a NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions
or
Enhancement of an Existing NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions**

Date of Request: September 12, 2003

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

1) Create a new defined term/definition:

Applicable Regulatory Authority: The federal regulatory agency or other governing body that provides oversight, policy guidance, and direction to parties, as applicable, involved in the process of providing transportation service to wholesale Service Requesters through regulations and orders.

2) Review existing NAESB WGQ Standards to remove explicit references to U.S. regulatory bodies (except where specific Orders are referenced) and replace those references with **Applicable Regulatory Authority**. Any modifications to standards should maintain the intent and usage of the standards.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement (include how the standard will be used, documentation on the description of the proposed standard, any existing documentation of the proposed standard, and required communication protocols):

Modified standards would be utilized in the same manner as existing standards.

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5. Description of Any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The language would be more inclusive of Canadian and Mexican regulatory bodies. Further, the use of qualifying language permitting substitution of equivalent Canadian or Mexican agencies for U.S. agencies would be minimized, if not eliminated.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

None – the modified standards should actually reflect current implementations.

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

Timing of these modifications and updates such that they could be published in the next version of the NAESB WGQ Standards should lead to a quicker update of FERC Regulations.

8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standard or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):

N/A

9. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is In Use, Who are the Trading Partners :

N/A

10. Attachments (such as : further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X12 mapped transactions):

N/A